

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 28, 1950

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA SECTION OF THE
FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP

Confidential Informant PH 74, of known reliability, advised on June 26, 1950, that the Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Workers Party was in the process of setting up a sub-committee for the Philadelphia section of the Friends of New Yugoslavia. This sub-committee is to consist of MAX GELDMAN, HAROLD DIAMOND and JANVIER GARMELL.

This same Informant has previously advised that the Friends of New Yugoslavia is a new organization located in New York City. It is sponsoring a group of representatives to go to Yugoslavia from July 20, 1950, to September 14, 1950. It is attempting to obtain delegations from all over the United States to go to Yugoslavia, then return and report upon what they saw. This organization has contacted GOLDY GELDMAN of the Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Workers Party, to organize a delegation from Philadelphia.

According to GOLDY GELDMAN, through information supplied by PH-74, this organization wants to have a negro delegation and a Trade Union delegation made up particularly of people who will tell what they have seen when they return, and who will let people know there is a revolution in the making in Yugoslavia.

The Bureau will be advised of additional information concerning the captioned group, coming to the attention of this office.

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cc: New York Office

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FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

The Bureau has noted increasingly frequent references to the above-captioned organization which according to reliable New York Confidential Informant [] is sponsored by the Pro-Tito Yugoslav newspaper "Novi List."

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Bureau files reflect that various branches of "Friends of New Yugoslavia" have appeared in the territory of most of the offices receiving copies of this letter. Inasmuch as "Novi List" and "Friends of New Yugoslavia" appear to be propaganda media for the present regime of Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia which steadfastly maintains its Marxist-Leninist philosophy, the Bureau is opening a new file on the captioned organization, New York to be office of origin.

New York is instructed to institute an active investigation of "Friends of New Yugoslavia" and to submit a report reflecting its personnel and activities on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year. It is suggested that in addition to active investigation, further information can be obtained through confidential informants and issues of "Novi List" which are received regularly by the New York Office.

Offices other than New York for which copies of this letter have been designated are instructed to review their files and contact logical confidential informants for information as noted above concerning "Friends of New Yugoslavia." The information obtained should be submitted in report form by January 1, 1951. In the event the organization in a particular territory appears to have gained no real influence among the Yugoslav element, it will be permissible for an auxiliary office to RUC this case; however, it will be the responsibility of each auxiliary office to advise the Bureau specifically as to whether the organization's activities are such as to indicate the necessity for a continuing investigation.

New York will be responsible for reporting on activities and personnel in the New York area and policy propounded on a national basis by the headquarters of the organization in New York.

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You are advised that the Bureau has already instituted an investigation of "Novi List" as such in which New York is the office of origin, and it is intended to include information concerning only the personnel and policy of that newspaper. *See file 28-5026-4*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 27, 1950

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
INTERNAL SECURITY YU

Rebulet 12/6/50

[redacted] Lackawanna, New York, who should be treated as a CNDI, advised on December 23, 1950 that there is no branch of subject organization in the Buffalo area. He added that no information concerning the promotion of the same has come to his attention.

Buffalo indices are negative. RUC.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 12/28/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/20-22, 26/50	REPORT MADE BY EDWARD E. ABBOTT DPZ
TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informants advise that the organization **FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA** is not in existence in the Los Angeles area at the present time.

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DETAILS:

T-1 of known reliability, a Yugoslav businessman, advised that he is well acquainted in Los Angeles with Yugoslav organizations and individuals but that he has never heard that subject organization exists in the Los Angeles area.

T-2 of known reliability, a Yugoslav businessman in San Pedro, California, advised that he has heard of the organization **FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA** as existing in other cities but that he has never heard that this organization has been formed in San Pedro or in Los Angeles. He pointed out that there are approximately 15,000 persons of Yugoslav descent in San Pedro. He also advised that he has been in frequent contact with the Yugoslav Consul General from San Francisco, **RAFO IVANCEVIC**.

T-3 of known reliability, a Yugoslav businessman in Los Angeles, likewise advised that to his knowledge subject organization does not exist in Los Angeles. This informant advised that he is intimately acquainted with Yugoslav organizations and individuals in Los Angeles and that if the organization **FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA** were organized in Los Angeles he is certain that he would have heard of it.

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A check of the indices of the Los Angeles Office failed to indicate any reference on subject organization.

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T-1 [redacted] Los Angeles, who furnished information to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on 12/26/50. This informant requested anonymity.

T-2 [redacted] San Pedro, California, who furnished information to SA [redacted] on December 20 and 21, 1950.

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T-3 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on 12/26/50.

REFERENCE:

Bu letter to New York dated 12/6/50.

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REPORT MADE AT SEATTLE	DATE WHEN MADE DEC 27 1950	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/16, 18, 21/50	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH M. WUSLICH AK
TITLE 0 FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential informants have no knowledge of active branch of Friends of New Yugoslavia in this division.

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DETAILS:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

On December 16, 1950, T-1, of known reliability and one who is active in Yugoslav activities throughout Southwest Washington, advised that to the best of his knowledge there is no active branch of Friends of New Yugoslavia in instant section.

T-2 of known reliability and one who is also active in Yugoslav activities throughout the Southwest section of the State of Washington advised that the above captioned organization is unknown to him.

T-3 of known reliability and one who follows closely Yugoslav activities throughout the State of Washington advised that **SIMON SKALABRIN** of 4101 28th Avenue S.W., Seattle, and **MIKE WERLICH**, 5254 45th Avenue S.W., Seattle, sympathizers of the Tito form of government, have been known to solicit subscriptions to the Novi List newspaper; however, to the best of informant's knowledge there is no active branch of the above captioned organization in the State of Washington.

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T-1 [redacted], admitted former member of the Communist Party, and presently a Seattle source of information, who furnished information to SA [redacted]

T-2 [redacted] Seattle office source of information on Yugoslav activities, who furnished information to SA [redacted]

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T-3 [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]
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REFERENCE: Bureau Letter to New York dated December 6, 1950

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/29/50

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

Rebulet 12/6/50.

A report on this case is being prepared; however, due to other commitments, it will be impossible to complete it by 1/1/51.

It is estimated that a report will reach the Bureau by 1/8/51.

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 FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA : INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS: New pro-Tito club named "Friends of New Yugoslavia", which considers the new newspaper, "Novi List" as its official organ, was formed in Chicago, Illinois at meeting held 2/24/50. Chicago officers of club set forth. Stated purposes and aims include bringing "together all Progressive and good Americans of Yugoslavia descent who like the truth and feel for their old country, and condemn the harmful conflict forced upon Yugoslavia by the Cominform". The club condemns such reactionary newspapers as "Danica", "American Srbobran" and others, as well as Cominform newspapers "Slobodna Red" and "Narodni Glasnik", as the wreckers of unity of Americans of Yugoslav descent and will popularize and spread new newspaper "Novi List". Subject organization reportedly sponsored a "7th Anniversary Celebration of Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia, on 12/10/50, at Chicago, Illinois. Organization encourages active support and financial assistance to "Novi List"

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newspaper and representatives of this organization have exhibited Yugoslavian news films.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I. ORIGIN AND SCOPE.

Chicago T-1, of known reliability, advised on April 14, 1950 that a new pro-Tito club called "Friends of New Yugoslavia" was recently formed in Chicago, which has as its official organ the new pro-Tito Yugoslavian newspaper "Novi List", which is published in New York City.

The "Novi List" issue of March 15, 1950, Page 2, Columns 3, 4, and 5, contains a report of a meeting held on February 24, 1950 at Chicago, Illinois, at which time the club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" was established in Chicago.

In the article of "Novi List" dated March 15, 1950 it was reported that the club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" was established in Chicago at a meeting held on February 24, 1950 in the Croatian National Sokol Home, 1903 South Racine Avenue, Chicago.

Chapter member C.P.

C.P. Sympathizer The speakers at this meeting were ~~FRANK LACKOVIC~~, ~~MILAN BIGA~~ and ~~MIRKO KUHEL~~. In the article attention is directed to other settlements in the United States and Canada, calling upon them to form similar clubs in their communities.

The meeting on February 24, 1950 was conducted under the chairmanship of FRANK LACKOVIC, who was described as one of the founders of "Narodni Glasnik" who reportedly left the present publishers of this newspaper because he disagreed with their slanderous writings.

It is to be noted that ~~"Narodni Glasnik"~~, according to Chicago T-1, who furnished the information on December 12, 1950, is a Croatian weekly newspaper published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which continues to follow the Communist Party line.

According to the article in "Novi List" dated March 15, 1950 FRANK LACKOVIC opened the meeting and spoke, stating that the meeting was

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called to organize a club of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" which he indicated is needed in this community to combat those elements from the Progressive Press which have joined reactionary newspapers, "Danica", "Srbobran", "American Hrvatski Glasnik", which the speaker indicated are trying to break up the unity of the Progressive Americans of Yugoslavian descent. The speech continued on the subject of new Yugoslavia and her accomplishments. Speaker MILAN BIGA reportedly talked about his recent trip to Yugoslavia and what he saw there. Speaker MIRKO KUHEL also talked about his trip to Yugoslavia and what he saw there.

It is to be noted that according to Chicago T-2, of known reliability, who furnished the information on November 8, 1950, the newspaper "Danica" is an anti-Communist Croatian weekly newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois.

The article of March 15, 1950 also reported that an election was held at this meeting at which time members of the new club were elected to an executive board consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Likewise elected at this meeting were members of a three member Auditing Committee, as well as a six member Cultural Committee.

The identity of these officers will be set forth later in this report.

According to the article, the purposes and aims of the club were also discussed at the meeting and were set forth in the article and these will likewise be set forth later in this report.

Chicago T-1 advised with reference to the newspaper "Srbobran", which is referred to in the above mentioned article, that the full name of this newspaper is "American Srbobran" and according to this informant, it is an anti-Communist Serbian newspaper published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

It is to be noted also that in connection with the "American Hrvatski Glasnik", previously referred to, that this, according to Chicago T-2, who made the information available on November 8, 1950, is an anti-Communist Croatian weekly newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois.

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II. OFFICERS

The article in "Novi List" dated March 15, 1950 reflected that the following members were elected officers of this new club:

Executive Board - President: MARTIN MARETIC
Vice-President: MIRKO KUHEL
Secretary: MILAN MARICH - *reputed Communist*
Treasurer: IVAN (JOHN) MICULINIC
Friends of Yugoslavia, a Pro-Tito Club

Auditing Committee - President: ILIJA TODOROVICH
Members: ELIJE VARNJEC
JOHN BLASAJ

Friends of Yugoslavia, a Pro-Tito Club

Cultural Committee - MARIJA KOLIC
FRANK LACKOVIC
FRANK OSTRIC
EVA TODOROVICH
GERTRUDE RAJACIC
MILAN BIGA

Friends of Yugoslavia, a Pro-Tito Club

Characterization of Officers

MARTIN MARETIC

Chicago T-3, of known reliability, advised on December 20, 1950 that he was personally acquainted with MARTIN MARETIC, President of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia", who resides at 1907 South Racine Avenue, third floor, Chicago, Illinois. MARETIC, to the knowledge of this informant, has never been a Communist but is currently pro-Tito in his political views and is currently active in pro-Tito organizations.

MIRKO KUHEL

Chicago T-1 advised on September 17, 1949 that the Slovene population in the United States is predominately Socialist and pro-Tito and is headed in the Chicago area by the prominent Slovene MIRKO KUHEL. The informant advised that KUHEL is a Communist sympathizer and was formerly secretary of the Slovenian American National Council and that he dominates activities in the Slovene colonies in Chicago and is active as well throughout the United States.

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The Slovenian American National Council is an organization designated Communist by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

MILAN MARICH

Chicago T-4, of known reliability, advised on January 24, 1949 that MARICH was formerly very active with the organization "American Association for the Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc." which is now defunct, described by the informant as a completely Communist designated organization. According to the informant, MARICH is friendly with many of the leading Yugoslav Communists on the South Side of Chicago.

The American Association for the Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc. is an organization declared Communist by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

Chicago T-3 advised that he is personally acquainted with MILAN MARICH who is an officer of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" and stated that based on his, MARICH's, former close association with known Communists, and his former continuous support of Communist objectives, he has the reputation of having been a Communist. The informant advised, however, that MARICH has now broken with the Stalin faction and is presently active on behalf of the pro-Tito faction.

IVAN (JOHN) MICULINIC

Chicago T-3 advised that he is personally acquainted with IVAN MICULINIC who is an officer of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia". The informant stated that IVAN MICULINIC resides on 17th Street in Chicago. The informant stated that IVAN MICULINIC had never been a Communist to his knowledge, but he described him as an individual who has been associated with various Yugoslav political factions, including a group described as former "Domobran" followers who were described by the informant as the extreme right faction among Yugoslavs who are strongly opposed to the Communist faction.

ILIJA TODOROVICH

Chicago T-3 advised that he knows ILIJA TODOROVICH personally, stating that he resides at 1161 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois. The informant stated that ILIJA TODOROVICH is a very strong pro-Tito

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supporter, however he had no information as to whether or not he was a Communist Party member.

FILIP MRNJEC

Chicago T-3 advised that he is likewise personally acquainted with FILIP MRNJEC, whom he knows to be an officer of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia". The informant advised that ~~FILIP MRNJEC~~ is the husband of ~~MARY MRNJEC~~, who live at 5548 South Mozart Street. According to the informant, both FILIP MRNJEC and his wife are former active Communists who have recently broken away from the pro-Stalin faction and are currently supporting the pro-Tito faction.

JOHN PLASAJ

Chicago T-3 advised on December 20, 1950 that he is personally acquainted with JOHN PLASAJ who he knows to be an officer of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia". The informant stated that JOHN PLASAJ resides at 1907 South Racine Avenue, Chicago. The informant described JOHN PLASAJ as a strong pro-Tito supporter but the informant had no information regarding Communist Party membership on his part.

FRANK LACKOVIC

Chicago T-5, of known reliability, advised on October 10, 1945 that FRANK LACKOVIC, 1826 South Carpenter, Chicago, Illinois, was a registered member of the Croatian Branch, Lower West Section, Communist Party. This informant described LACKOVIC as a charter member of the Communist Party.

Chicago T-3 advised on December 20, 1950 that LACKOVIC has long been associated with the "Narodni Glasnik" until recently, when he left the pro-Stalin faction and became active in the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" which he helped to organize, and he is currently active in the pro-Tito faction.

Chicago T-2 advised on March 28, 1950 that FRANK LACKOVIC, who he knows has long been active with the "Narodni Glasnik" newspaper, and other Yugoslavian Communist groups, was present at the meeting on February 24, 1950 in the Croatian National Sokol Home, 19th and South Racine Avenue, Chicago, when the new pro-Tito club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" was formed. The informant stated that at this meeting LACKOVIC spoke and

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denounced the Stalin faction. According to this informant, LACKOVIC had previously supported the pro-Stalin faction. The informant also advised that it was rumored that LACKOVIC is lessening his support of either the pro-Stalin or pro-Tito factions. The informant related that some pressure in this connection may be being placed on him by his children who object to his support of the political views of either STALIN or TITO. According to the informant, it is also rumored that ~~LACKOVIC~~'s wife, BARBARA, has also become less active in Yugoslav affairs.

Mrs. Frank Lackovic

FRANK OSTRIC

Chicago T-6, of known reliability, advised on September 8, 1950 that FRANK OSTRIC, who is active at 18th and Racine Avenue in Chicago, has been active in local Yugoslav groups and has cooperated 100 per cent with the Communist element. This informant, however, does not believe that OSTRIC is actually a Communist.

EVA TODOROVICH

Chicago T-3 advised on December 20, 1950 that EVA TODOROVICH is the wife of ~~ILIJA TODOROVICH~~ and resides at 1161 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Since the inception of subject organization, she has been quite active in support of the organization and pro-Tito activities.

Chicago T-1 advised on December 12, 1950 that he has, from time to time, observed articles in "Novi List" pertaining to the "Friends of New Yugoslavia", which carry the name of EVA TODOROVICH as the writer of these articles.

GERTRUDE RAJACIC

The "Novi List" issue of July 27, 1950, Page 2, Columns 3 and 4, sets forth an article on the campaign workers for "Novi List" in Chicago and vicinity. This article includes pictures of MILAN BIGA, 2615 North Bosworth Avenue; MILAN MARIC, 1417 West Culburton Street; JOHN PLASAJ, 1907 South Racine Avenue; and GERTRUDE RAJACICH, 2002 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois (all of whom are officers of "Friends of New Yugoslavia").

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The "Novi List" issue of February 1, 1950, Page 7, Columns 3, 4, and 5, in an article entitled "Letters from our Readers", it was reported that several nice letters had come from Chicago, Illinois from Miss GERTRUDE RAJACIC described as "our subscriber and a good friend of 'Novi List'," The article quoted one of her letters as follows:

"I am enclosing \$33 as payment for another share of 'Novi List' stock and for a one-year subscription to be sent to my uncle in Yugoslavia.

"I hope in this way to help answer the shameless campaign now being conducted by the Cominform against Marshal TITO and the people of Yugoslavia, just because they don't welcome the prospect of being oppressed by a foreign power."

The articles continues:

"In her next letter Miss RAJACIC's acknowledgment remembers 'Novi List' with a contribution, saying in part:

"Dear Editor,

"I am enclosing a \$10 money order for the 'Novi List' promotion fund and a \$6 money order as my and my mother's membership dues for the newly-formed 'Friends of New Yugoslavia' Club."

MILAN BIGA

Chicago T-7, of known reliability, advised on May 22, 1945 that MILAN BIGA, 2615 Bosworth Avenue, is a registered member of the Communist Party, Wentworth Branch. The informant further described BIGA as a white male employed as a baker.

Chicago T-1 advised that he is personally acquainted with BIGA, having known him for a number of years. According to the informant, BIGA was formerly associated with the "Slobodna Red", described by the informant as a pro-Stalin Serbian newspaper published in Pittsburgh which follows the Communist Party line. The informant advised that BIGA has long been a contact of the Yugoslav Consulate General Office at Chicago and that prior to his recent trip to Yugoslavia, he was

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closely associated with representatives of the Yugoslav Consulate in Chicago. The informant stated also that BIGA has the reputation of being the leading Serbian Communist who broke with the Stalin faction and is currently active in behalf of the pro-Tito faction among Chicago Yugoslavs.

III. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The "Novi List" issue of March 15, 1950, Page 2, Columns 3, 4 and 5, which sets forth information concerning the formation of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" Club in Chicago on February 24, 1950, also set forth information concerning the purposes and aims of this club which are as follows:

1. The club is named "Klub Prijatelja Nove Jugoslavije u Chicagu" (Friends of New Yugoslavia Club in Chicago)
2. The basic aims of the club are: cultural and educational improvement of its members; to contribute in strengthening friendly relations between Yugoslavia and the USA; to bring together all Progressive and good Americans of Yugoslavian descent who like the truth and feel for their old country and condemn the harmful conflict forced upon Yugoslavia by the Cominform.
3. In order that the basic aims may be carried out, the club shall develop intensive activities by showing Yugoslav films, by giving lectures concerning the conflict of Cominform against Yugoslavia.
4. The club condemns reactionary newspapers, "Danica", "American Srbobran", and others, as well as Cominform newspapers "Slóbodna Rec" and "Narodni Glasnik" as the wreckers of unity of the Americans of Yugoslav descent and will popularize and spread "Novi List", which it considers as its official organ.
5. Membership in the club is open to any American of Yugoslav descent who agrees with the basic aims of this club, acknowledges its program and works for it.

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6. The membership fee is 25 cents per month.
7. Meetings of the club are held once a month.

These principles were set forth under the following names of the officers of this club;

MARTIN MARETIC - President
MILAN MARICH - Secretary

IV. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Anniversary Celebration of Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia December 10, 1950, Chicago, Illinois

Chicago T-3 on December 20, 1950 advised that subject organization sponsored a meeting celebrating the 7th Anniversary Celebration of the Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia which was held at the American Hall, 1438 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, December 10, 1950. The informant pointed out that in previous years an organization existed known as the Central Committee of South Slavians, which organization was composed of representatives of various local Yugoslavia groups. It was the purpose of this organization or committee, as it was usually referred to, to sponsor an annual Yugoslav celebration. This committee was composed of individuals, some of whom supported the pro-Tito faction among the Yugoslav groups, and others gave their support toward the pro-Stalin faction. This central committee has now been dissolved and the functions of this group have now been taken over by subject organization.

The aforementioned meeting was the first to be sponsored in this respect by subject organization.

The informant pointed out that a committee had been formed within subject organization for the purpose of arranging this annual Yugoslav celebration which is now directed toward the support of the pro-Tito regime and in opposition to the existing pro-Stalin faction among the Yugoslavians. The informant advised that apparently the pro-Tito faction has dominated the control of this annual celebration and to the knowledge of the informant, no similar organization exists among the pro-Stalin faction as yet.

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The informant advised that the meeting, which was held on December 10, 1950, was in his opinion quite unsuccessful inasmuch as only approximately 200 persons attended. Considerable publicity had been given to the meeting and both the Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States, VLADIMIR POPOVIC, and the Yugoslav Consul General of Chicago, V. M. VUKMIROVIC, spoke at the meeting. The meeting was described as entirely pro-Tito in its makeup.

Chicago T-8, of known reliability, furnished a program which was distributed at the aforementioned meeting held on December 10, 1950, which program set forth that the meeting was sponsored by the Yugoslav American National Committee of Chicago, Illinois.

It is to be noted that Chicago T-3 has pointed out that this Yugoslav American National Committee is a committee within subject organization.

It is noted that the speakers are ^{C-P members} listed as GEORGE GUGIC, MILAN MEDVESEK, GERTRUDE RAJACIC, V. M. VUKMIROVIC, described as Consul General of Yugoslavia, and VLADIMIR POPOVIC, described as Ambassador from Yugoslavia.

It is to be noted that GEORGE GUGIC, 10642 Ewing Street, Chicago, has been described by Chicago T-7 as a Communist Party member of the 10th Ward Club during 1944. The informant described GUGIC as a white male and a barber by trade.

Chicago T-1 advised on December 12, 1950 that GEORGE GUGIC has long been active in Croatian Communist circles on the far South Side of Chicago and recently was expelled from the Communist Party, at which time he became active with the pro-Tito faction. He made a trip to Yugoslavia approximately a year ago and upon his return, became active in connection with pro-Tito activities. According to the informant, based on articles that have appeared in the "Novi List", GUGIC heads up a South Side Section of subject organization.

Chicago T-1 advised on December 12, 1950 that MILAN MARICH is an active Slovene leader and associate of MIRKO KUHEL. MARICH accompanied KUHEL on their trip to Yugoslavia approximately a year ago. He has been active with the organization Slovenian American National Council.

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Activity in Support of "Novi List"

The "Novi List" issue of April 5, 1950, Page 2, Columns 1, 2, 3 and 4, under the heading "Chicago Campaign for 'Unity and Truth', in Full Swing", there was set forth results of a campaign for the obtaining of subscribers to shares of stock, as well as subscriptions for the new newspaper, "Novi List."

The article reported that members of the Executive Board of the club, "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in Chicago, held their meeting on March 25, 1950, at which time they discussed the campaign of "Unity and Truth" which is the first campaign drive on behalf of "Novi List". It was reported that all members welcomed this drive which would enable "Novi List" to appear twice weekly. It was stated that through sale of a large number of shares of stock, the newspaper would have the support of a large number of share holders and in that way it would become one of the most widely read Yugoslav papers. It was also indicated that by securing more subscriptions, more people would learn the truth about Yugoslavia. It was likewise stated that because "Novi List" is "our organ, the Executive Board of our club has drawn up a plan which, with the help of members, it hopes to carry through during a two-month drive so that our city shall contribute its share in strengthening and increasing the circulation of our newspaper."

According to a plan which the article indicated had been adopted, the club shall fulfill the following quotas in this drive:

1. Sell at least 60 shares of stock
2. Obtain at least 150 new subscriptions
3. Collect \$500 in contributions for "Novi List" fund

The article noted that in connection with the subscriptions, from the above quotas, the club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in South Chicago, has been allotted 50 subscriptions and that our club has 50 subscriptions while the balance of 50 would be a joint quota of both clubs to be secured in cities adjoining the Chicago area:

The article reflected that at the Board Meeting every member of the Executive Board had pledged a definite number of subscriptions, shares and contributions for the fund, and that in this way they have already assured the success of the campaign drive. In addition, it was indicated that every member of the Board has pledged to buy at least one

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share of stock for himself as an example to the other members of the club and friends. The first results of this work was reported, reflecting that the club had purchased 11 shares of stock worth \$275. The Executive Board proposed a contest between "Friends of New Yugoslavia" Clubs in Detroit and New York. The Executive Board approved a decision opening a contest with these "Friends of New Yugoslavia" Clubs in Detroit and Chicago to see which one would fulfill its quota first, and the Board also approved a plan to show at least two motion pictures from Yugoslavia during this campaign.

Chicago T-6 advised that he had attended a meeting of the club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" held on Saturday, May 13, 1950, at the Marion Guch Hall in South Chicago, Illinois, and that approximately 60 persons were present. According to the informant, MILAN BIGA and GEROGE GUGIC were the active leaders at this meeting and the purpose of the meeting was to raise funds for the newspaper "Novi List."

The "Novi List" issue of May 25, 1950, Page 2, Columns 1 and 2, contains a report by MILAN BIGA concerning the campaign on behalf of "Novi List". In this article, BIGA credits the success of the drive collectively to the club, "Friends of New Yugoslavia" to certain individuals as well as to some of the friends of "Novi List" in and near Chicago. BIGA, in his article, went into great detail, attempting to explain what he believed was the reason why the campaign was as successful as he claimed it to be, and he urged the readers to greater efforts on behalf of "Novi List". In his article he stated in part, "we have objective conditions for spreading 'Novi List'. They exist. Our newspaper is also helped by the fact that 'Slobodna Rec' and 'Narodni Glasnik', in attacking Yugoslavia and her government, are being deserted by honest readers. Showing of films from Yugoslavia has also helped and many persons who follow the films expressed themselves favorably by saying they would have paid \$5 admission, let alone 50 cents to see them.

Showing of Yugoslav Films

In the "Novi List" issue of May 25, 1950, Page 2, Column 7, under the heading, "Successful Picture Showing", Chicago, Illinois, it was reported that the club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in Chicago held a showing of Yugoslav motion pictures on April 15, 1950, which was received enthusiastically. The article reported that by 8:00 p.m. the

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hall was completely filled, proving that "our people" love their old country and that despite Cominform slanders against Yugoslavia, these people are still very much interested in what goes on in their old country. According to the article, before the motion pictures were shown, MILAN BIGA, described as agent for "Novi List" in Chicago, reportedly spoke about the importance of this newspaper for the people in Chicago. According to the article, BIGA mentioned that "Novi List" plays an important role in the life of our people in this country because it writes the truth about Yugoslavia and works for the unity of Yugoslavs in America.

According to the article, brother MARETIC introduced GERTRUDE RAJACIC who, according to the item, was born here in America but became deeply interested in the club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" and has become one of its most ardent members, always working hard for the club and for "Novi List". The article stated that she alone has subscribed for 12 shares of "Novi List" stock and collected many subscriptions and has promised to continue her fine work for this cause.

The "Novi List" issue of May 25, 1950, Page 8, Columns 1 and 2, under the heading "Showing of Yugoslav Motion Picture in Chicago" it was reported that on Saturday, May 27, 1950 the club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in Chicago would show the newest Yugoslav film ~~"Zastava"~~ "The Flag". The article reflected that the film showing would be held in Croatian National Sokol Hall, 1903 South Racine Avenue, and that this motion picture tells about the heroic struggle waged by "our people in the old country for their freedom and independence." Admission for this showing was reflected as 50 cents.

The "Novi List" issue of September 21, 1950, Page 2, Columns 6 and 7, under the heading "Showing of Yugoslav Motion Pictures in Chicago" it was reported that the club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in Chicago would show the latest motion pictures from Yugoslavia on Saturday, October 7, 1950, in National Hall, 1802 South Racine Avenue.

Miscellaneous Activities

The "Novi List" issue of August 17, 1950, Page 8, Columns 1 and 2, reported that it had been decided at a meeting of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" held on August 3, 1950, that a family picnic would be held on Sunday, August 27, 1950 on the picnic grounds located at 85th Street and 84th Court in Oaklawn, Illinois.

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In the "Novi List" issue of June 29, 1950, Page 8, Columns 1, 2 and 3, under the heading "The Club 'Friends of New Yugoslavia' in Chicago Protests Against Terrorism of Czechoslovak Authorities of Yugoslavia", it was reported that the club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in Chicago on June 10, 1950 had sent a letter of protest to the government of the Czechoslovak Republic in Prague in which it contains the accounts of the Czechoslovak authorities against Yugoslav citizens.

Chicago T-1 advised that a banquet was held in New York about the first part of November, 1950, by the Yugoslav authorities in that city, which banquet was attended by members of the Yugoslav United Nations Delegation. In this connection, the informant advised that an article appeared in the "Novi List" issue of November 9, 1950, which reported that the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" Club from South Chicago, had sent the following telegram to New York during the holding of this banquet "in the name of the club 'Friends of New Yugoslavia' in South Chicago, Illinois, we wish the best success to the banquet. We congratulate the leadership as well as all those present at the banquet who know how to respect their own. We are sending warm greetings to the Yugoslav delegation and through them to the entire people in the old country. Long live brotherhood and unity here and in the old country."

The "Novi List" issue of October 26, 1950, Page 6, Columns 6 and 7, reflect that a banquet and dance in honor of the Yugoslav delegation to the fifth general assembly meeting of the United Nations would be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Madison Avenue, and 46th Street, New York, on Saturday, November 4, 1950 at 7:30 p.m.

VI. COMMUNIST PARTY RAMIFICATIONS ??

The support of "Novi List" and of the objectives of the Yugoslav government as observed by Chicago T-1 in the course of reviewing issues of "Novi List" reflect, in his opinion, the close relationship of subject organization with the Tito government.

The "Novi List" issue of June 1, 1950, Page 3, Columns 6 and 7, reflects that the club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in Chicago sent birthday greetings to Marshal TITO on the occasion of his 58th birthday anniversary. This telegram read in part, "Please accept our most sincere greetings on your birthday, wishing you a long life, happiness and progress to the people of New Yugoslavia, etc...."

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"Long live Marshall of Yugoslavia JOSEPH BROZ ~~TITO~~.

"Long live Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia and her brave and freedom loving peoples."

This telegram was signed by MILAN BIGA and G. ~~GUGICH~~.

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All the articles from "Novi List" mentioned in this report were translated by Confidential Informant T-1.

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THE CHICAGO OFFICE

At Chicago, Illinois

Will, through confidential informants, issues of "Novi List", and other sources of information, continue to follow and report the activities of the Chicago clubs of instant organization.

Will continue to report and follow activities of subject organization on a quarterly basis, beginning April 1. .

Will develop information about the South Chicago Club of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia", as well as its officers which Chicago T-1 reports has recently been formed.

Will develop additional specific information pertaining to the 7th Anniversary Celebration of the Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia held in Chicago on December 10, 1950.

One copy of this report has been designated for San Francisco, Pittsburgh and Washington for information purposes, inasmuch as official Yugoslav establishments are located in these Field Divisions.

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T-1 is [] who furnished the information orally to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD on September 17, 1949, April 14, 1950 and December 12, 1950.

T-2 is [] who made the information available orally to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD on February 6, 1950, March 28, 1950 and April 14, 1950.

T-3 is [] who furnished the information orally to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD on December 21, 1950.

T-4 is [] who furnished the information orally to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD on January 24, 1949.

T-5 is an anonymous source.

T-6 is [] Chicago, Illinois, who made information available to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD on May 15, 1950.
(Requested)

T-7 is an anonymous source.

T-8 is [] who furnished the information to SA J. BAIRD REYNOLDS on December 19, 1950.

REFERENCE: Bulet dated December 6, 1950.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **105-357**

REPORT MADE AT BALTIMORE	DATE WHEN MADE 12/29/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/22, 28/50	REPORT MADE BY J. STANLEY ROTZ mhp
TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential Informants and sources of information of Baltimore Office have received no indication of existence of organization, Friends of New Yugoslavia, or of circulation of newspaper, "Novi List", in Baltimore area.

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DETAILS:

At Baltimore, Maryland

Baltimore C.I. T-1, of known reliability, who is familiar with activities of the Socialist Workers Party in Baltimore and has reported efforts of that organization to locate a Yugoslav organization in the Baltimore area, advised that he had received no indication of the existence of the organization, Friends of New Yugoslavia, in the Baltimore area.

When contacted on December 28, 1950, C.I. T-1 pointed out that several months previously the SWP members in Baltimore had failed after a rather extensive inquiry to find any active organization of a Yugoslav nationality basis in the Baltimore. Informant had heard of no reference to subject organization or to the newspaper, "Novi List", made by any member of the SWP.

Baltimore Confidential Informants T-2, T-3, and T-4, all of known reliability, who are familiar with activities of the Communist Party and various Communist Party dominated organizations

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in the Baltimore area, advised on December 28, 1950, that they had received no information to indicate the existence of the organization, Friends of New Yugoslavia, in Baltimore or elsewhere. They also had received no information concerning any distribution of the newspaper, "Novi List", in the Baltimore area.

Mr. BATA PLAKOVICH, known as Bally Plakov, partner in the barber shop at 1406 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, who has furnished reliable information concerning Yugoslavian matters in the past, advised on December 22, 1950, that he knew of no local unit of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" or of any efforts to establish such a unit in the Baltimore area. Mr. PLAKOVICH also stated that he did not know of any distribution of the newspaper "Novi List" in the Baltimore area.

Mr. PLAKOVICH stated that he would furnish any information along this line coming to his attention in the future to the Baltimore Office.

Mr. STEVE VUKCEVICH, proprietor of a restaurant, 1300 McHenry Street, Baltimore, who has previously furnished information on Yugoslavian matters, advised that he does not know of the existence of the organization "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in Baltimore or elsewhere.

Mr. VUKCEVICH did not know of any distribution of the newspaper, "Novi List", in the Baltimore area. He volunteered to furnish any information concerning this matter immediately to the Baltimore Office if such comes to his attention.

The files of the "Sun", Baltimore newspaper, Baltimore and Charles Street, Baltimore, fail to reflect any information concerning Friends of New Yugoslavia or the newspaper, "Novi List".

The files of the Maryland Room, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Cathedral and Mulberry Streets, which contain information concerning organizations active in the State of Maryland, fail to reflect any information concerning Friends of New Yugoslavia or "Novi List".

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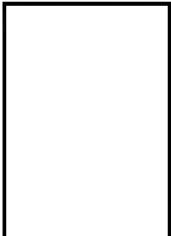
With regard to information furnished by BATA PLAKOVICH, it should be noted that he currently resides at 1314 McHenry Street, Baltimore, Maryland, and that he was born March 23, 1912, in Serbia. He arrived in Baltimore in 1913 and served in the U.S. Army from October 23, 1942, to April 14, 1946, when he was honorably discharged.

STEVE VUKCEVICH has advised that he himself is of Serbian nationality, that he was born in Dalmatia, and came to the United States prior to World War I.

Copies of this report were not furnished to the various intelligence units of the armed services since no information was developed to indicate the existence of this organization within the Baltimore Division. Since the information developed was completely negative, it was not believed to be of value to the other intelligence offices.

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Identification</u>	<u>Date Furnished</u>	<u>Agent to Whom Furnished</u>
T-1		12/28/50	J. STANLEY ROTZ
T-2		12/28/50	J. STANLEY ROTZ
T-3		12/28/50	RUSSELL D. JONES
T-4		12/28/50	JESSE C. PARKER, Jr.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York, dated 12/6/50.

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REPORT MADE AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	DATE WHEN MADE 1/2/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/16,19,20,22/50	REPORT MADE BY ORVILLE N. MOMIEN, SA
TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Minnesota section of Socialist Workers Party selected three comrades to make trip to Yugoslavia in summer of 1950 as part of Youth Labor delegation. Trip was to be sponsored by Friends of New Yugoslavia but was later canceled. No other indication of activity in this area on the part of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

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DETAILS:

Confidential Informant Minneapolis T-1, of known reliability, on June 21, 1950, advised that the Minnesota section of the Socialist Workers Party was requested by its national headquarters to secure delegates to make a trip to Yugoslavia. The delegation was to leave New York City on July 25, 1950, and return to New York City on or about September 13, 1950.

The delegation was to be identified as the Youth Labor Delegation sponsored by an organization called Friends of New Yugoslavia. The purpose of the trip was to acquaint the youth of as many nations as possible with the true state of affairs in Yugoslavia in order to counteract the world-wide Stalinist slander campaign and to promote the spirit of international friendship and brotherhood.

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The Socialist Workers Party is an organization designated as subversive by the Attorney General of the United States.

Confidential Informant Minneapolis T-2, of known reliability, on June 26, 1950, advised that VINCENT RAYMOND DUNNE, in commenting on the Youth Labor Delegation, stated that from the viewpoint of the Socialist Workers Party the delegation is going to Yugoslavia to gain access to the minds of the Yugoslavian people; and then come back and acquaint a widespread section of the United States with what is going on in Yugoslavia. DUNNE stated that the revolution that has been achieved in Yugoslavia is the road to the freedom of the world. DUNNE said further that the Socialist Workers Party "will not expect to get a big mass delegation from this country, but they have information that the probabilities are that the Party ranks full strength in the Friends of New Yugoslavia." This informant advised that VINCENT RAYMOND DUNNE is national labor secretary of the Socialist Workers Party.

Confidential Informant T-1 on June 27, 1950, advised that BILL BRUST, DAVID POITLIN, and WINNIE CHELSTROM were members of the Socialist Workers Party in Minnesota who were selected to make the trip to Yugoslavia which trip is sponsored by the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

Confidential Informant T-1 on July 10, 1950, advised that the trip to Yugoslavia by the Youth Labor Delegation had been canceled because of the international situation and the policy of the Coast Guard to check foreign vessels carrying American citizens abroad because it was feared that the check by the Coast Guard would delay the sailing of the vessel.

Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2 advised that after the cancellation of the trip of the Youth Labor Delegation to Yugoslavia, there was no further activity on the part of the Socialist Workers Party in Minnesota in connection with the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

The following individuals who are of Yugoslavian descent and acquainted with Yugoslavian activities in Minnesota, advised that they had heard of no activity on the part of Friends of New Yugoslavia:

JOHN MAKIVICH, 122-2nd Avenue South, South St. Paul, Minnesota;
NICHOLAS RADULOVICH, JR., Police Department, Duluth, Minnesota;
N. S. CHANAK, Municipal Judge, Hibbing, Minnesota;
FRANK J. INDIHAR, County Commissioner, Gilbert, Minnesota (an officer of the Minnesota American Yugoslavia Association);
NICK T. BERGAN, Chief of Police, Gilbert, Minnesota.

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Confidential Informant Minneapolis T-1 is SP-2100 who made information available to SE ROYCE V. COLBY.

Confidential Informant Minneapolis T-2 is SP-2099 who made information available to SE ROYCE V. COLBY.

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TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU	

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1-2-51

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
IS-YU

G. I. P. R

ReBulet 12-6-50.

Enclosed herewith is the report of SA JOHN D. O'CONNELL
dated 1-2-51 at Milwaukee.Pursuant to your instructions you are advised that the
information contained in the enclosed report does not indicate the
necessity for a continuing investigation in this case.

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TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No active branch of Friends of New Yugoslavia known to exist Milwaukee, but on 4-30-50 meeting featuring speech by GEORGE GUGIC, pro-TITO leader from Chicago, and showing of movies was held under reported sponsorship of Temporary Committee of the Friends of Novi List. Chairman of meeting was SAM POROVICH of Milwaukee, who made trip to Yugoslavia in 1949 at invitation Yugoslav government and on return wrote articles printed in Novi List. Active in arranging publicity for meeting was MILAN HRNJAK who in about 1937 to 1938 reportedly attempted to recruit one MICHAEL BARBER to the CP.

*cc DR/RS
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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

T-1, of known reliability, advised that nothing had come to his attention which would indicate the existence of a branch of the Friends of New Yugoslavia in Wisconsin with the exception of the following:

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He stated that one MILAN HRNJAK of 852 South 75th Street, West Allis, Wisconsin, arranged publicity for a meeting to be held April 30, 1950 at Wavel's Hall, 1900 South 60th Street, West Allis, Wisconsin, at 2 p.m. HRNJAK indicated that at this meeting there would be an "imported" movie and a speech by GEORGE GUGIC of Chicago, who would give a report on his travels in Yugoslavia. HRNJAK indicated that the sponsoring organization for this meeting was the "Temporary Committee of the Friends of Novi List."

T-2, of known reliability, also advised that HRNJAK had arranged publicity for this meeting and had sent cards to members of the Yugoslav colony in

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the Milwaukee area which read as follows: (translation by T-2)

"The Temporary Committee of Novi List is sponsoring a moving picture 'These People Will Live' on April 30, 1950 at Wavel's Hall. This will show pictures of the fight of our people and the first days of the liberation fight. Also shorts."

"GEORGE GUGIC of Chicago will give a report of his travels through Yugoslavia. Croats, Serbs, Slovenes and other Yugoslavs are invited. You will see the truth before your eyes. Don't forget April 30, 2 o'clock. 50¢ admission."

Both T-1 and T-2 stated that they were familiar with publicly conducted activities of organizations in the Yugoslav field and that they did not believe it possible that any public meetings could be held by instant organization without having come to their attention. They further stated that nothing had come to their attention to indicate any organized work within the Yugoslav colony on behalf of the newspaper Novi List.

T-3, of known reliability, stated that he attended the meeting on April 30, 1950 referred to above, that there were approximately 60 to 80 persons present and that the chairman was SAM POPOVICH of 4101 West Hampton Street, Milwaukee. Informant stated that he was unable to identify any other individual as taking an official part in the proceedings and that the only speaker other than POPOVICH was one GEORGE GUGIC of Chicago. He reported GUGIC's speech to be substantially as follows:

GUGIC stated that he was happy that he had been able to make a trip to Yugoslavia and see how people were working there for their betterment. He stated he had been conducted by government officials through plants and was able to see how production was progressing. He stated, however, that they have no materials to work with. He told of the practice in plants wherein a machine operator operates one machine at a certain rate of pay, and if he is able and willing to operate two machines he is compensated double. He stated that the men are almost fighting to do this. He compared this favorably with the system in the United States, stating that this would not be true where American capitalistic industrialists are operating.

GUGIC told of the rumors of Marshal Tito visiting his estate at Bled and how it was reported that it was very difficult to see him. He stated, however, that he personally had seen him there and was taken around the estate by Tito. He stated that in his discussions with Tito the latter discussed the shortages of materials but praised the good will of the people, stating how they had built everything from almost nothing.

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T-12, of known reliability, advised on August 30, 1949 that GEORGE GUGIC was a Croatian who has long had the reputation of being the leading Croatian Communist on the far south side of Chicago. He resides at 10642 South Ewing Street, Chicago and has been a leader in numerous Yugoslav Communist activities in Chicago for many years. He recently was expelled from the Communist Party because of pro-TITO sentiments. According to the informant, it was expected that he would be employed by a new pro-TITO paper after his return from a trip to Yugoslavia in 1949.

T-3 stated that at this meeting there was no collection taken up, no efforts to organize any formal organization and no mention made as to the sponsorship of the meeting.

MICHAEL BARBER, 1101 South 69th Street, West Allis, advised SA DALE I. STOOFS in May, 1942 that he had known MILAN HRNJAK for ten years and that in about 1937 or 1938 HRNJAK tried to get him to join the Communist Party, and that at that time and subsequent thereto HRNJAK advocated Communism in his conversations with other Croatians.

T-4, of known reliability, advised that in July or August, 1949 SAVO POPOVICH, who was identical with SAM POPOVICH referred to above, had received an invitation by the Yugoslav government to tour Yugoslavia as a guest of that government. Novi List, a pro-TITO Yugoslav paper published in New York City, contained in its February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 12 and April 19, 1950 issues a series of articles by S. POPOVICH of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, describing his trip through Yugoslavia which started October 26, 1949. This series of articles reflects that POPOVICH is one of a group of seven persons who stayed at the Hotel Balkan in Belgrade and made trips to various other cities. The articles described the people and institutions visited and are interspersed with praise of the TITO Regime. In no place do the articles criticize the TITO government and on numerous points criticisms of the TITO Regime are condemned. In describing the group with whom he traveled, POPOVICH stated:

"Speaking together, we came to the conclusion that nobody among us was going to Yugoslavia having doubts about Socialist Yugoslavia; all of us wanted to see in our own eyes with what enthusiasm the Yugoslav people have been working and how great sacrifices are aiding in building a happier future and this, of course, cannot be described in newspaper articles. We went, also, to Yugoslavia to weaken arguments of certain people who say that we do not know the situation in Yugoslavia because we were not there and that we rely only on words of some paid agents. Besides that, we wanted to see how fast the process of transforming old-type farms into new types of cooperative farms was progressing."

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The Milwaukee Office is in possession of photostatic copies of nominating petitions for SIGMUND G. EISENSCHER, independent candidate for Governor of Wisconsin in 1946. These nominating petitions contained at the heading thereof opposite the words "Principle Represented" the word "Communist." One of these petitions was signed by S. POPOVICH of 2346 South 80th Street, the former address of SAM POPOVICH referred to above.

T-5, of known reliability, advised that in May, 1947, SAM POPOVICH was employed as a superintendent in the tractor shops of the Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company. At this time he was "called in" by officials of the company and asked whether he was a member of the International Workers Order, which it is noted is an organization named by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. POPOVICH on this occasion admitted that he and his entire family were members of that organization and had been members for several years. He also admitted having signed the nominating petition for SIGMUND G. EISENSCHER. Subsequent to this interview POPOVICH resigned his position and has been operating a grocery store at 4101 West Hampton.

T-6, of known reliability, stated that he had known POPOVICH for many years and knew that he associated closely with several Croats in Milwaukee and West Allis who were Communists. Among these were MARTIN JUROVICH, FRANK PETRACK and PAUL BABICH, all of whom have been identified by T-7, of known reliability, as members of the Communist Party as of 1946. T-6 stated, however, that since the TITO-Cominform split POPOVICH, along with MILAN HRNJAK and others, had continued to favor the TITO Regime, which had alienated them from BABICH and the other Communists in the Croatian field.

T-6, T-8, T-9, T-10 and T-11, all of known reliability and all acquainted with Yugoslav activities in the Milwaukee area, stated that they knew of no branch of the Friends of Yugoslavia in Milwaukee. They stated that if such a branch exists it has conducted no public activities or such would have come to their attention.

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FILE NO. 105-305

REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND	DATE WHEN MADE 12-30-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-28, 29-50	REPORT MADE BY SABINO P. GARONE JLG
TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informants state group formed under control of SWP for purpose of sending a youth Labor Delegation to Yugoslavia during summer of 1950 and to interest Yugoslavs in the SWP. Informants state headquarters for the group are located in New York City and do not know of any organized chapters in Cleveland area or other cities. Only activity known to informants is subscriptions to "Novi List".

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DETAILS:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

For purposes of brevity the Socialist Workers Party will be referred to as SWP in this report.

It is noted that the SWP was cited as a subversive organization by the Attorney General.

On June 26, 1950 confidential informants T-1 and T-2, of known reliability, advised that **TED SELANDER**, described by informants as organizer of the Cleveland branch of the SWP, had announced during an SWP meeting held

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June 25, 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio, that a front group under the control and direction of the SWP had been formed and was sponsoring a tour of Yugoslavia during the summer of 1950. These informants advised the group was to be called "Friends of New Yugoslavia".

T-1 advised that the group's headquarters are located at 247 Lexington Avenue, New York City. T-1 stated the organization was being sponsored by the Yugoslav Embassy but it appears to be controlled and dominated by the SWP.

According to T-1, ~~MIKE~~ BARTEL of New York is National Chairman of the organization and ~~JEAN~~ SIMON of New York is National Secretary. T-1 stated that both were either members or strong sympathizers of the SWP.

T-1 and T-2 advised the tour planned by the organization was primarily for the youth group of the SWP to visit Yugoslavia and to work on various projects in that country. According to the informants the SWP planned to hold lectures and classes on the boat to and from Yugoslavia and also hold lectures and classes in Yugoslavia.

It is noted that on July 11, 1950 T-1 advised the proposed trip was cancelled.

Concerning persons in Cleveland who were to make the above-described trip, T-1 furnished the following information:

Applications were to be distributed by SWP members to young people between the ages of 18 and 30. They were instructed to contact groups such as the Zionist, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and International Socialist League. ANTHONY PIRO, who T-1 described as an SWP member and a Slovenian, was appointed local secretary and requested to contact one "Belgium" and one "Dureen" and have them recommend persons from their groups.

It is noted here that "Belgium" is probably CHARLES BELJAN, 3366 Clarendon Road, Cleveland, Ohio, who, according to the April 27, 1949 issue of "Zajednicar", official weekly newspaper of the Croatian Fraternal Union, is Secretary of the Board of Directors and a member of the Supreme Board of Directors of the CFU, which maintains its national headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. T-3, of known reliability, advised BELJAN has identified himself with the Communist element of the CFU.

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It is also noted that the "Duroen" referred to is probably JOSEPH F. DURN, 16122 Huntmere, Cleveland who, according to T-4, of known reliability, is very powerful among the Slovene population in Cleveland and very friendly with Yugoslav Embassy personnel.

On September 9, 1950 T-1 advised that SELANDER had received a letter from MILA BARTEL which stated that at this time the SWP's work among the Yugoslav groups was more important than the SWP's trade union activities. The letter urged each SWP member to interest their friends in the "Friends of New Yugoslavia". According to T-1, the letter also instructed all members to subscribe to the Yugoslav newspaper "Novi List" published in New York.

As a result of this, according to T-1, the Cleveland branch of the SWP decided to subscribe to the paper for TONY PIRC. After PIRC had received the newspaper he was to obtain permission to solicit subscriptions among the Yugoslav population in Cleveland.

On September 29, 1950 T-1 advised PIRC was attempting to secure a list of subscribers to the "Novi List" in the Cleveland area. From these subscribers he would attempt to recruit for the SWP.

On December 28, 1950 T-1 and T-2 advised they knew of no existing organized chapters of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in any city. They stated there is a headquarters for the group at 247 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

These informants advised the only other individual of national importance associated with the group other than BARTEL or SIMON is one "Urig" or "Ureck" who operates a restaurant on 16th Street in New York. They stated they had no information concerning other officers of membership in the organization.

Both T-1 and T-2 advised the group was originally formed to sponsor the above-described tour of Yugoslavia; however, it is also engaged in an attempt to win over Yugoslavs to the SWP. T-2 opined that the SWP eventually hoped to infiltrate into the Yugoslav government and set up a Trotsky state.

T-1 and T-2 advised the only active work on the part of the SWP and this organization was to sell subscriptions of the "Novi List" and then to contact the subscriber as a possible recruit for the SWP.

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T-1 advised that during a national convention of the SWP held in New York November 24-26, 1950, the national office of the SWP allocated \$3,000 for a special school to be held in New York, January, 1951. RAY BRAMMIS, SWP organizer in Youngstown, Ohio, is one of the approximately ten who are to attend this school. T-1 stated that because BRAMMIS is an instructor in Trotskyism and because he stated he would receive a new assignment upon the completion of the school, it is his (T-1's) opinion that the school is probably concerned with the SWP's infiltration in Yugoslavia.

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INFORMANTS

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All of the information from T-1 and T-2 was furnished
to SA PALMER M. BAKEN, Jr.
The 12-28-50 information was furnished to SA JOHN F.
[redacted]

T-3 - [redacted], who furnished
information to the writer

T-4 - [redacted] who furnished information
to the writer

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to New York dated 12-6-50

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

SI FILE NO. **100-8080**

REPORT MADE AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 1-3-51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-14,15,16,18,19,20-50	REPORT MADE BY EUGENE A. BRENNAN EAB:bl
TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Preliminary investigation fails to reveal activities of the organization Friends of New Yugoslavia.

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DETAILS:

The sixteenth census - year 1940 - prepared by the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce, under the caption "Characteristics of Population" for the State of Illinois" discloses that as of the date of this census there were 21,921 persons of Yugoslavian nationality in the State of Illinois. Of this figure, 3,568 of these individuals resided within the confines of the Springfield Field Division.

The following breakdown of this figure by Counties in the Springfield Division was noted:

Adams	5	Franklin	345
Alexander	1	Fulton	293
Bond	9	Grundy	18
Bureau	96	Henry	64
Calhoun	1	Jefferson	13
Champaign	9	Jersey	2
Christian	32	Kankakee	105
Clark	1	Knox	59
Clay	3	Livingston	6
Clinton	5	Logan	32
Coles	3	McLean	3
Crawford	2	Macon	3
Cumberland	1	Macoupin	373
Edgar	9	Madison	886
Fayette	1	Marshall	23

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Menard	1	Salem	9
Mercer	22	Sangamon	156
Monroe	7	Schuyler	1
Montgomery	59	Shelby	1
Morgan	5	Tazewell	63
Peoria	237	Union	5
Perry	5	Vermilion	45
Pulaski	1	Warren	1
Putnam	19	Washington	1
Randolph	10	Williamson	85
Rock Island	79	Woodford	6
St. Clair	347		

A review of the information previously submitted by Confidential Informants fails to reveal the existence of the organization, Friends of New Yugoslavia, in the territory covered by the Springfield Office.

Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2, of known reliability, reported on December 20, 1950, they have no information concerning the existence of subject organization in the City of Springfield and environs.

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A review of Springfield files failed to reflect information concerning the Friends of New Yugoslavia in this Division. Further, a review of files of this Office relative to Yugoslavian, Croatian, Slovene and Serbian activities failed to produce information which would indicate the existence of subject organization in the Springfield Division.

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SPRINGFIELD FIELD OFFICE

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS:

Will maintain contact with logical Confidential Informants for information concerning the appearance of the Friends of New Yugoslavia. Upon determination of the existence of this organization, inquiry will be conducted relative to its personnel and activities.

Will ascertain through Confidential Informants and established sources of information the degree of influence which the Friends of New Yugoslavia appears to have gained among the Yugoslavian element in the communities having a concentration of Yugoslavian population.

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Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted] of the "Western Catholic," the Springfield Roman Catholic diocesan newspaper, 722 South 12th Street, Springfield, Illinois. (Requested)

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Confidential Informant T-2 is [redacted] Springfield Lodge of the Croatian Catholic Union, 2106 North 16th Street, Springfield, Illinois. (Requested)

REFERENCE: Bulet to New York dated December 6, 1950.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

FILE NO. **105-945**

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 1/4/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/11,26/50	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM A. COHENDET SA - paj
TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-YU

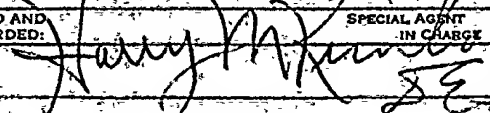
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA is a small group of Roman Catholic Croats in Oakland, California, headed by **PETER CENGIA** and **TED BORICH**. None of persons connected with the club are reported to be Communists or pro-Communists. Group allegedly supports **TITO** because he is unifying Yugoslavia and defying Communist Russia. For same reason **CENGIA** allegedly supports **NOVI LIST**, claiming other papers speak for groups having separatist tendencies. Loyal organization claims no connection with other **FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA** clubs in the East and they are changing their name due to possibility of conflict on this point. The group is active in the new relief campaign being initiated, for benefit drought victims in Yugoslavia.

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DETAILS:

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, advised that he had been a member of the **FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA** since its founding. He said that the club had come into being in the spring of 1950 about the time of the opening of the Yugoslav Consulate General in San Francisco. Its organizer and President was **PETER CENGIA**, an Oakland Croatian leader who has been ardently anti-Communist for the past several years. **CENGIA** is a devout Roman Catholic who feels that his church is the greatest enemy of the Soviet rule in Eastern Europe. **CENGIA** has become pro-TITO, after having been bitterly against him, because he feels that **TITO** has done more to unify the conflicting elements inside Yugoslavia than any man had done

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before, or any other politician on the present scene was likely to do. By illustration T-1 said that the Serbs remained desirous of the greater Serbia, a return of the King, and the Serbian political government. A strong Croat group still supported the former USTASHI regime of ANTE PAVELIC who would break Croatia from Yugoslavia. A second Croat group supported the former Peasant Party Chief, VLADO MATCHEK, but he had lost political strength when he failed to combat the German invaders of Yugoslavia. All these organizations had their own press, and T-1 said that CENGIA and his followers felt that only NOVI LIST represented the central government idea of the TITO regime. Also TITO's defiance of STALIN and the Soviet Union was popularly received by these individuals. This activity was heightened by the arrival in San Francisco late in March, 1950, of a consular staff for a new Yugoslav Consulate here. Preliminary arrangements occupied a month before the Consulate was ready to open. In the meantime the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA were arranging for a banquet in honor of the new Consulate staff. On April 16, 1950, the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA had sponsored a benefit film showing at the Danish Hall, in Oakland. The admission charge of 60¢ was for benefit of the orphaned children of Yugoslavia. PETER CENGIA was master of ceremonies. The banquet was held on April 30, 1950, at the Leamington Hotel, Oakland, and 105 persons paid \$3.00 per plate to meet and hear the new Consular Officials. PETER CENGIA made a speech of welcome and also urged those present to support the NOVI LIST newspaper. On the same day CENGIA made a radio talk sponsored by the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA in which he attacked the American-Slav Congress, and GEO GEORIEVSKY, and called for support of TITO against the Russians. CENGIA told T-1 that he had paid the fee for the radio time out of his own pocket, that the speech had been his own idea, and that the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA had not had anything to do with it. Although the card announcement indicated otherwise. As a matter of fact, according to T-1, the membership in the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA was composed of PETER CENGIA and a few personal friends of his whom he led. T-1 said that there was no connection with any Eastern organizations with a similar name, nor were they connected with the NOVI LIST. (At the time of a visit to the West Coast by LJUBO DRNDIC in May, 1950, San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, noted that both CENGIA and TED BORICH, the secretary of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA, were active on behalf of the NOVI LIST in the matter of getting subscriptions and taking shares.) T-1 said that the

FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA was loosely organized and was going out of existence. It appeared that CENGIA had heard that some people he had known in the East as followers of the Communists, were setting up FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA clubs in that area, and he did not want to be associated with them. Since this group in Oakland was interested in a new relief drive for the benefit of drought victims in Yugoslavia they were going to change their name to something like the American Yugoslav Food Relief Committee. San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, stated that Consul General RAFO/IVANCEVIC contacted CENGIA as one of the first Yugoslav emigrants to be informed of the relief drive to urge him to take an active part in this endeavor. CENGIA assented and in this connection according to T-2, sent out a letter purportedly from the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA to various Slav organizations asking them to send delegates to a meeting to be held at the Key System Hall, 243 12th Street, Oakland, 12/3/50, where a discussion of steps to be taken in connection with the relief would be held. The letter also pointed out that certain bad elements among the Slavs were advocating that no help be given to the people of Yugoslavia because of the government in power there. The letter accused these persons of being selfish and failing to understand the real meaning of the help. Signers of the letter were PETER CENGIA, PRESIDENT; ANTON SKRIVANICH, Vice President, TED BORICH, Secretary; NIKOLAN SEGEDIN, Treasurer.

T-3 advised that the response to this call had been slight, only 8 persons attending, namely: PETER CENGIA (elected President); TED BORICH (elected Secretary); ANTON SKRIVANICH (elected Assistant Secretary); WILLIAM SANKOVICH (elected Vice President) ALBERT SANKOVICH (elected sponsor of Honoray List) ANTON DEPOLO, VISKO RADOVAN; and MRS. ELIZABETH BERNARDI. CENGIA claimed that a funeral service for a prominent Yugoslav had conflicted with his meeting and had hurt the attendance.

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, advised that TED BORICH is a Croatian who came to the United States at least 40 years ago when he was in his late teens; this would make him in his late 40's at the present time. He is married to [redacted] who is distantly related to the DEPOLO family of Korcula, Yugoslavia. One of the female DEPOLOS in Korcula married [redacted] whose [redacted] married [redacted]

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Yugoslav Consul General in San Francisco. Thus [redacted] is distantly related to the wife of the Consul General. T-1 advised that BORICH is an old personal friend of PETER CENGIA.

From the time of the opening of the Yugoslav Consulate in San Francisco, T-2 and T-3 have noted BORICH's name frequently coming up at the Consulate, mostly in a social way. BORICH is a devout Roman Catholic, according to T-1, and openly anti-Communist. T-1 was present at the home of BORICH on one occasion when the Consular Officials were guests in the house. BORICH said to the officials that he would not have invited them if they were Communists, and IVANCEVIC stated that they were not Communists as understood in the United States; that is, they were not subservient to the wishes of Moscow, and were merely desirous of making Socialism work in Yugoslavia.

BORICH and his wife have been entertained at the homes of the officials and one week-end in September BORICH drove the officials down to Delano, California where they passed 2 days together. T-4 said that VERA BORICH is the dynamic type who enjoys the spotlight, and she would undoubtedly enjoy the notoriety of close association with the Consul General. Her sister ELIZABETH BERNARDI is not so lively and appearances by her at public group meetings would probably be at the behest of her sister.

ANTON SKRIVANICH, said T-1, is a son of a Yugoslavian of the same name, who emigrated many years ago and has been a longtime friend of PETER CENGIA. Both the SKRIVANICHES were said to be anti-Communist.

WILLIAM and ALBERT SANKOVICH are brothers from Richmond California. They have been interested in the Croatian Fraternal Union in their city; they are sons of a Croatian woman who was an old acquaintance of PETER CENGIA. She and her family are regular church members and anti-Communist, according to T-1.

ANTON DEPOLO is an old friend of CENGIA, and a distant relative [redacted] of TED BORICH he is therefore also related to [redacted] Consul General RAFO IVANCE VIC. T-1 said that DEPOLO was also an anti-Communist.

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VISKO RADOVAN and NIKOLA SEGEDIN are likewise old friends of CENGIA, and not particularly interested in politics.

T-1 said that the above group, all of whom were Croatians and faithful followers of the Roman Catholic church, were about the total membership of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. T-1 did not foresee any further activity under the name FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA.

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REFERENCE

*Bulet to New York, 12/6/50

Sources

SF T-1 is [REDACTED]

SF T-2 is [REDACTED]

SF T-3 is [REDACTED]

SF t-4 is [REDACTED]

San Francisco office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: January 4, 1951

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
Int. Sec-Yu
Re: Bufile 100-365595.

Attached is RUC report of Special Agent William A. Chendet in captioned matter, dated at San Francisco, January 4, 1951. From the information set forth in this report it would appear that continued reporting of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA under that title would be unnecessary. It is pointed out that [redacted] is [redacted] and any activities of the group can easily be ascertained. Furthermore it has been indicated that the group is going to cease functioning as the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA and go over to a Food Relief Committee for the benefit of the drought victims in Yugoslavia. Activities of the relief committee are being observed under the Consulate General and will be reported therein.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 10, 1951

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

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Reference is made to the report of SA ROBERT M. SMITH dated January 10, 1951 at Detroit, Michigan.

Informants in the Detroit area state that subject organization has not been active during the recent past; but in the event information is received of growing activity of subject organization, informants state this office will be immediately advised. The Office of Origin and the Bureau will be immediately apprised of the information received from the informants regarding activity of Friends of New Yugoslavia in the Detroit area.

In view of the above, it is felt that this organization's activities are not important enough at the present time to require the necessity for a continuing investigation.

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TO : Director, FBI.

DATE: 1/12/51

FROM : SAC, New York.

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA,
INTERNAL SECURITY-YU.
(Bufile 100-370142)

Reference is made to O-1 form letter dated 1/8/51.

The agent to whom this case had been assigned has been assigned to applicant type investigations.

In view of the fact that this case had to be reassigned and that the agent now handling this matter has to familiarize himself on the Yugoslav matters a report in the captioned case cannot be submitted before 2/20/51.

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TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informants state "Friends of New Yugoslavia" had meeting to their knowledge which was held on February 12, 1950. Organization inactive in Detroit area at present time.

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DETAILS:

Informant Detroit T-1, of known reliability, made available in March, 1950 a translation of an article which appeared in "Novi List" (pro-Tito Yugoslav newspaper). The article states substantially as follows, according to T-1.

"Successful Gathering of the Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia in Detroit

People Desire Unity and Harmony, Not Hatred and Denunciations

Present Were 400 Brothers and Sisters.
Speaker was Katarina Pajor. Trouble-
makers of Inform Bureau Failed.

"From the successful meeting of the Club of Friends, the editors of 'Novi List' received three reports which show meaning and importance of the meeting.

"The reports were sent by brothers M. ~~AREVIC~~, IVAN ~~BLASKO~~, and BLAZ ~~ZGREBEC~~. Due to the fact that these reports are identical, we took something from each of them that is of greater importance because the space does not permit us to publish them in their entirety. We believe that

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our co-workers will understand and we hereby thank them for their good reports which give us a clear picture of what happened and what had been said at this meeting.

"Brother VREVIC reports under the heading of:

The Truth Conquered

"On February 12 the newly organized Club, Friends of New Yugoslavia, held its first public meeting which was a success beyond expectancy. The hall was packed with over 400 people and there were approximately 50 to 60 people standing.

"The Speech of KATARINA PAJOR

"First presented was sister PAJOR who just two weeks previous had returned from Yugoslavia where she visited with delegates from the United States and Canada. In her two-hour talk she stated that she had seen and heard from those who direct the activity of New Yugoslavia, but also from those who never attained or had ambitions toward a higher position; namely, the workers and peasants who worked day and night to build a better life in Yugoslavia. She mentioned all the places she had visited in the country and described the manner in which she was received. She was interested especially in the women's institutions. She was interested in the cleanliness and order of the conditions in Yugoslavia and described that they lacked many sanitary necessities that we have in the United States. Speaking of children's care in the children's homes, she stated that the children are fed good food. Milk is supplied for the children first, then the elderly people and sick ones.

"Trade Schools

"All industrial establishments, and factories have their trade schools. From these schools are now graduating technicians and engineers who are to be the future managers of Yugoslav industry. During the first five-year plan thousands of experts will be trained.

"Regarding literature and the publication of books it could be said that there have been more books published since World War II than in the 23 years during the old Yugoslavia. This is particular true in Macedonia, which was one of the most backward provinces. She described the publishing house "Yugo Press," in which literature is being published in all modern languages. Great progress has been made in combatting illiteracy among the people who were only yesterday considered a backward people. Today they are in the class of

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the most cultured people because by the end of the five-year plan the illiteracy will be wiped out entirely.

"Medical Aid Should Be Sent Through The Red Cross

"The Red Cross, under the leadership of Dr. OLGA MILOSEVIC, had accomplished much in the giving of medical aid to the people. She expressed her gratitude to the Americans of Yugoslav extraction who sent the aid and requested all such aid in the future be sent through the Yugoslav Red Cross so that there would be no chance of diverting the medical aid into the black market.

"The Women's Organization

"In Macedonia, Croatia, Serbia, and Slovenia, wherever KATARINA PAJOR went, she contacted the women's organization, Women's Anti-Fascist Front. The women are behind every effort in the state. As mothers they are working for peace in the world in spite of the fact that they are faced with much hardship and opposition from the International Women's Organization. They won't stop their work and their rights will be recognized.

"Sister PAJOR had many interviews with the official representatives and the officials themselves - from Marshal TITO down to the least important individuals. Everywhere she was welcomed and respected. These men and women were not arrogant as had been the case with the old government representatives. She especially praised PEPICA KARDELJ, who while a textile worker became the wife of a minister, and who is now one of the directors of a syndicate (union) in Yugoslavia.

"She also visited her birthplace, Jasenovac, which is known to the people as a small slaughterhouse of innocent people during the last war. The Ustashi erected there special furnaces in which to burn the people. When they were retreating, they destroyed them in order to erase the signs of their brutal crime. Jasenovac is now rebuilt and enjoys peaceful and happy life.

"After her speech, the Yugoslav Consul from Chicago, VINKO KNOL, extended his greetings to the public and in exchange was welcomed with enthusiasm and applause.

"A few Inform Bureau trouble-makers attempted to cause disorder but when they noticed that even their own leaders were ashamed of their action, they sat down and were not heard from again.

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"Also shown at this meeting were Yugoslav films, 'The Youths Rule' and 'Journal Number 192.' After the showing of the films the people disbanded satisfied with the exception of a few Inform Bureau followers who attempted to break up this great celebration.

M. VREVICH
Chairman of the Meeting."

Informant Detroit T-1, of known reliability and who is familiar with Yugoslav activity in the Detroit area, advised that KATARINA PAYOR has been active in Yugoslav affairs in the past, especially in the American Slav Congress of Michigan.

The American Slav Congress has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Informant Detroit T-2, of known reliability, advised that he has knowledge of no recent activity of Subject organization in the Detroit area.

Informant Detroit T-3, of known reliability, who is familiar with Yugoslav activity in the Detroit area, stated he had no knowledge of any activity of the organization known as "Friends of New Yugoslavia."

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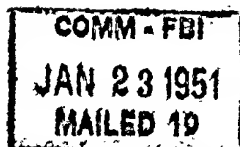
Detroit is instructed to conduct appropriate investigation based upon the information in rerep that at a meeting of subject organization on February 12, 1950, in Detroit, two Yugoslavian films were shown. Investigation must be directed toward determining the character and origin of the films for the purpose of determining whether there is indicated any violation of the provisions of the Registration Act.

New York, as office of origin, is instructed to be on the alert for the receipt of any additional information indicating that possible propaganda films will be distributed for exhibition by or through the organization, "Friends of New Yugoslavia." The Bureau desires that the office of origin upon receipt of such information set out appropriate leads as noted above.

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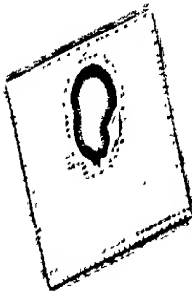
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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-29-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-26-50	REPORT MADE BY CLIFFORD J. NELSON HOW
TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Reliable source advises he first heard of subject organization on December 13, 1950. States same is apparently being set up as a national organization to support and popularize the Tito Government. Furnished names of officers in various cities in U.S.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

T-1, a reliable source, who has certain contacts with various personnel of the Yugoslav Embassy, advised that he had heard of subject organization from said personnel on December 13, 1950.

T-1 stated that he had learned that the following are apparently officers of said organization in various cities in the United States:

MARTIN MARETIC, 1907 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
 MILAN MARIO, 1417 W. Cullerton Street, Chicago 8, Illinois
 ILIJAK GUGIC, RFD Box 145, Clairton, Pennsylvania
 J. PAVLAK, RFD 1, Box 472, Clairton, Pennsylvania
 IVAN BLASKO, 8124 Meadow, Van Dyke, Michigan
 (BLASKO is President of the FNY in Detroit, Michigan, according to T-1)
 MIHAILO VRELIC, 149 Victor Avenue, Highland Park 3, Michigan

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(VRELIC is Secretary of the FNY in Detroit, Michigan according to T-1)

NIKOLA TELESMANIC, 2357 - 33rd. Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York
(TELESMANIC is President of the FNY in New York, New York, according to T-1)

THOMAS BALDESAR 3747 - 61st. Street, Woodside, Long Island, New York
(BALDESAR is Secretary of the FNY in New York, New York, according to T-1. Source stated that BALDESAR had succeeded one TAFFRA who had just recently resigned as Secretary).

PETER CENGIJA, President of the FNY in Oakland, California
(T-1 advised that in connection with CENGIJA he was furnished the address 33 Lester Avenue, but he does not know if this is the address of CENGIJA or the address of the FNY)

----- SLISKOVIC, address unknown to T-1

(T-1 advised that he does not know the first name of SLISKOVIC, however that SLISKOVIC is President of the FNY in San Pedro, California, and further that SLISKOVIC is a "functionary" of the Yugoslav-American Club in San Pedro, California).

In addition to the above, T-1 advised he heard one ALEXANDER JURICH, 55 Irving Place, New York, New York mentioned in connection with the above individuals, but that JURICH was named as being President of an organization called AID TO YUGOSLAVIA and also as President of the pro-Tito paper NOVI LIST (NOVOG LISTA). T-1 stated he does not know if JURICH has any connection with subject organization. T-1 stated that MILOŠ BUCAR, Embassy Counselor, had expressed a friendly interest in learning the addresses of officers of the FNY, and for this reason concludes that the FNY is being set up as a national organization to support and popularize the Tito Government in the United States, particularly among Yugoslav-Americans and Americans generally.

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T-1 advised that he secured his information concerning subject organization when he was present on different occasions and heard this organization discussed between ELAGOJE/POPOVSKY (Yugoslav Information Center, New York, N. Y.) and MIRKO/SARDELIC (Counselor, Yugoslav Embassy, Washington); and between MILOS/BUCAR (Counselor, Yugoslav Embassy, Washington) and POPOVSKY on December 13, 1950. Source advised that POPOVSKY furnished the names of certain officers of the Friends of New Yugoslavia in connection with a request for their addresses made to him by MILOS BUCAR.

Copies of this report are being sent for informational purposes to the offices indicated inasmuch as subject organization is apparently functioning within those cities.

T-1 and T-2, of known reliability, have no knowledge of any branch of the FNY being active in the Washington area.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will maintain contact with T-1 and T-2 relative to subject organization and submit any pertinent information received in report form to the Bureau on April 1, 1951. If no pertinent additional information is received from these or other sources, this case will be RUC'd.

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T-2 Washington Field Office



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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 6, 1950.

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FILE NO. **100-8956**

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 1/5/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/28,29,30/50	REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS M. FAWCETT ck
TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informants and sources among Yugoslav colony in Kansas City area have not heard of existence of subject organization.

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DETAILS:

AT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

Father CHARLES A. STIMAC, pastor of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, 702 North Fourth, a Croatian church, was interviewed. Father STIMAC advised that he had not heard of subject organization as existing in the Kansas City area nor was he aware that the newspaper, "Novi List," was being circulated in the area. Father STIMAC stated that the Yugoslavs who in previous times have been identified as pro-Communist have not been very active in the area in recent months. He said his best information was that this element is about evenly divided in so far as favoring Tito or Stalin were concerned. Father STIMAC stated he would inquire throughout the colony to ascertain whether or not subject organization is at all known in the Kansas City area.

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T - 2, of known reliability, who is prominent in the Croatian social organization, advised that he has not heard of subject organization in existence in the Kansas City area. He assured that he would notify the Kansas City office if he received in the future any information indicating that there was a branch of this organization in the Kansas City area.

T - 3, of known reliability, a professional man who has extensive contacts in the Croatian-Slovene-Polish colony of Kansas City, Kansas, advised he had not heard of subject organization mentioned as being in existence in Kansas City, Kansas. It was his opinion that there was little enthusiasm for Tito among the Yugoslavs with whom he came in contact.

T - 4, of known reliability, has advised that he will attempt to ascertain whether or not the newspaper, "Novi List," is being distributed through that section of Kansas City, Kansas, where most of the Yugoslav colony in the Kansas City area reside.

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LEAD SHEET

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION:

At Kansas City, Kansas

Will recontact Father CHARLES A. STIMAC, St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, 702 North Fourth, to see if he has had any information come to his attention relative to subject organization.

Will recontact T - 4 to ascertain whether or not this source has been able to develop any information concerning the circulation of the "Novi List" in Kansas City, Kansas.

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T - 1 is: [redacted] of the Skradski-Stine Funeral Home, 340 North Sixth Street, Kansas City, Kansas. [redacted] is being made an informant at his own request.

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T - 2 is: [redacted], Kansas City, Kansas, who is [redacted] of the Jayhawk Lodge, Croatian Fraternal Union, and [redacted] at [redacted]. He is being made an informant at his own request.

T - 3 is: Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau and who for the information of the New York Office is a practicing physician at Kansas City, Kansas.

T - 4 is: [redacted] Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, who upon interview offered to have the mail carriers in the Yugoslav area of Kansas City, Kansas, canvassed to see if they had knowledge of the distribution of the newspaper "Novi List."

The above informants were contacted by Special Agent C. LAWRENCE RICE on December 29 and 30, 1950.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Kansas City dated 12/6/50.

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REPORT MADE AT New Orleans, La.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/11/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/29/50	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD L. VOELKER, JR. RLv:sh
TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA and newspaper
"NOVI LIST" unknown in New Orleans area.

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DETAILS:

At NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Mr. BASIL J. RUSOVICH, 1032 Annunciation Street, formerly Royal Yugoslav Consul at New Orleans, advised that he is generally cognizant of all Yugoslav organizations active in the Gulf area. He stated he had never heard of any organization with any membership in Louisiana or Southern Mississippi known as the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. He added he did not recall ever hearing of any publication known as "NOVI LIST."

Mr. JOHN P. GENTILICH, 720 Lafayette Street, New Orleans, a long-time resident of this area, advised that he knew of the existence of most Yugoslav organizations in New Orleans. He stated he had never heard of any organization with members among the Yugoslav colony in this area known as the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. He could not recall ever seeing or hearing of any publication using the name "NOVI LIST."

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Both Mr. RUSOVICH and Mr. GENTILICH advised that in the event any information concerning the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA or concerning the newspaper "NOVI LIST" comes to their attention, they will immediately notify the New Orleans Office.

The indices of the New Orleans Office were negative as to both the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA and "NOVI LIST."

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York 12/6/50.

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TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

A sub-committee for the Philadelphia Section of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGO-SLAVIA was set up 6/26/50. This consisted of MAX GELDMAN, HAROLD DIAMOND, and JANVIER HAMELL, all active Socialist Workers Party members. GOLDY GELDMAN and other SWP members have made numerous contacts on behalf of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. Some of these contacts were to enlist recruits for a Youth Labor Delegation to Yugoslavia during the summer of 1950. This delegation was called off before arrangements were completed. Subsequently contacts were made with students who visited Yugoslavia previously under the auspices of the National Student Association of America.

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.

All informants designated in this report are of known reliability.

On June 20, 1950, MAX GELDMAN, Organizer of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, announced that he had received information from New York that a Youth Labor Delegation to Yugoslavia would leave New York between July 20, 1950 and July 25, 1950 and would return approximately

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September 13, 1950. GELDMAN stated he had been asked to select a few young Socialist Workers Party members, preferably unionists, including a Negro if possible. These people were to be between the ages of 18 and 30. The delegation was to be as broad as possible. GELDMAN was to try to contact some Yugoslav organizations as soon as possible. The number of people who could go to Yugoslavia as a part of this delegation was not limited. The travel expenses were to be paid by a committee of an organization in New York called the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. While the delegation was in Yugoslavia, their expenses were to be paid by the Yugoslav Youth Organization. However, those who planned to go were to be asked to give as much as they could, up to \$350.00, to assist the Committee of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA in paying their expenses. About 15 or 20 people from New York were expected to go on this trip. GELDMAN further asked to find someone who could be secretary of the Committee for the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA in Philadelphia. (T-1, June 20, 1950)

On the following day, ~~GOLDY GELDMAN~~^{MRS.}, ~~MAX GELDMAN~~'s wife and an active member of the Socialist Workers Party, explained that the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA wanted to send people to Yugoslavia that summer to study conditions in the country and that the purpose of the trip was to counteract some of the Stalinist slanders that had been circulated about the TITO regime in Yugoslavia. In this connection GOLDY GELDMAN stated she had contacted the International Institute in Philadelphia and inquired of them about Yugoslav organizations in the Philadelphia area. (T-2, June 21, 1950)

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party on June 21, 1950, it was announced that the SWP was sending delegations to Yugoslavia sometime around the latter part of July to stay until about the end of September 1950. Each of the persons chosen to visit Yugoslavia was expected to use his own spare funds which he might have available to finance the trip if possible, but it was stated that the difference between this amount and the amount necessary for the trip would be made up by the Socialist Workers Party. It was stated that the expenses of the group would be paid for in a similar manner by the Yugoslav Government while in Yugoslavia. The age requirement in the delegation was 18 to 30 years of age. However, it was stated that they would not be too particular about the upper age limit. Only reliable and able members of the Socialist Workers Party were to be considered for the delegation, and the persons in the delegation would be expected to bring back a report on conditions in Yugoslavia. It was pointed out that Marshal TITO of Yugoslavia had invited people from all over the world to come and visit Yugoslavia and see for themselves what the conditions are there, with the proviso that they would promise to report these conditions in their home countries when they returned. It was announced that the New York Branch of the SWP was sending 20 persons to Yugoslavia in this delegation. The Philadelphia Branch stated their willingness to accept applications for membership in the delegation, but that the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Branch of the SWP would pass on all applications so submitted. No applications were submitted at that Branch meeting. (T-3, June 22, 1950)

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On June 22, 1950, GOLDY GELDMAN requested WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, the author of "The Last of the Conquerors," to consider going to Yugoslavia with the delegation. She stated that it was a tremendous opportunity to see a revolution in the making. GOLDY GELDMAN described the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA as a new organization in New York with which the Socialist Workers Party was cooperating, and stated that they wanted to get delegations from all over the United States to go to Yugoslavia and then come back and report what they saw. They wanted to have a Negro delegation, a trade union delegation, and others, particularly those who would be able to tell what they had seen when they returned and who would let people know that there is a revolution in the making in Yugoslavia. She pointed out that they were willing to finance the trip but unable to do so because of the lack of finances. SMITH was interested but reserved his decision until a later date. The informant believed that SMITH was not a member of the SWP. (T-1, June 22, 1950)

By letter dated June 23, 1950, MIKE BARTEL, New York Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, informed the comrades about a Youth Labor Delegation sponsored by the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. In addition to other information previously set forth, BARTEL stated that the persons in this delegation would participate in construction work there on a voluntary basis and would tour the country. The schedule provided for a one-month stay in Yugoslavia, including a two-week work period and a ten-day tour. During the work period, the delegation would work six hours per day on construction projects in the building of New Belgrade and the new student town attached to Zagreb University. In their free time, the American youth would participate in various sports and recreational activities, attend movies, lectures, and theater performances, and participate in excursions to places of interest in nearby cities. The delegation would visit construction sites of various Five Year Plan projects as well as summer resorts and other places of interest. There were to be no restrictions with regard to sex, race, political belief, or affiliation, but Fascists, incorrigible enemies of the Yugoslav revolution, crackpots, and irresponsible persons would be excluded. The committees assembling the delegations planned to approach, wherever possible, trade unions, organizations of oppressed minorities, student organizations etc., with the aim of having the delegation represent, as far as possible, the trade union and left wing youth of America. Owing to space limitations, no applicant was to be assured of being accepted in 1950. However, a much larger delegation was planned for 1951. The committees were to give priority to the candidates whom they considered most suitable. Immediately upon the return of the delegation to the United States, a permanent committee was to be established, with the members of the first delegation making up the nucleus and organizers of the movement in various cities throughout the country. The national headquarters of the Youth Labor Delegation would be located at 247 Lexington Avenue, New York City. Tentatively, the National Executive Secretary of this Youth Labor Delegation was JANE SIMON (a member of the Socialist Workers Party).

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BARTEL stated that secretaries of the local committees in various cities were being selected to enlist delegations. He stated wherever possible these secretaries were to cooperate with local Yugoslav-American organizations and other interested people in the formation of a local committee. Where possible, official mailing addresses would be established in the Yugoslav halls. The local committees would have the authority to solicit applications and to pass on them. In this connection, all applicants were to be interviewed in person by the committees or by someone designated by them. Those applicants who were approved were to apply immediately for passports. Among the requirements was a letter from the organization or concern connected with the trip. A formal letter from the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA was being prepared to be forwarded to the local committees for this purpose. BARTEL attached an application form to his letter. This form indicated that a return should be made by July 8, 1950. It required information concerning the applicant's present occupation, trade union affiliation, positions held, organizations of which the applicant is a member, citizenship status, and ability to pay complete or partial cost of transportation. The form also required the applicant to state the reasons for wishing to join the delegation. (T-4, June 29, 1950)

On June 24, 1950, GOLDY GELDMAN attempted to interest JOHN SECULA, of the Croatian Singing Society, in the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA and their Youth Labor Delegation to Yugoslavia. She explained that the Communist Party in the United States is poisoning what is going on in Yugoslavia today to the point where they have called TITO an assassin. She stated her belief that the people in America, that is the working class, should know the truth. She wanted to know if there were any people in the Croatian Singing Society who were interested in the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA and advised that the activity of this group would have national press releases. SECULA stated he is a member of the Supreme Board of the Fraternal Organization for the National Veterans Society and was the First District Vice-President for that group. Although he had never heard of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA, he stated he is a Socialist and, therefore, is interested in the organization. He has contacted the Yugoslav Consulate in New York to get anti-Communist films of TITO and Yugoslavia. He stated if the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA is to be given national press releases, he is willing to cooperate one hundred per cent. (T-2, June 24, 1950)

On June 26, 1950, WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH announced that he had contacted JAMES PRICE, who was known to the informant as a member of the Industrial Workers of the World, and had been advised by PRICE that the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA would be frowned upon. He accepted PRICE's advice because of his friendship with him and turned down the invitation to go to Yugoslavia as a delegate of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. (T-2, June 26, 1950)

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On June 26, 1950, MAX GELDMAN announced that the sub-committee for the Philadelphia Section of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA would consist of MAX GELDMAN, HAROLD DIAMOND, and JANVIER HAMELL. No chairman was named for this group at that time. All three are known to the informant as active SWP members. (T-1, June 26, 1950)

On the following day, MAX GELDMAN received word from MIKE BARTEL in New York to hold back anything definite on the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA until the news is released in New York. BARTEL mentioned that he had received a request from KARL KUEHN and ROSE CAREY requesting that they both be allowed to visit Yugoslavia with the delegation, KARL KUEHN as an engineer and technician. BARTEL explained that neither of these two persons filled the requirements for a Youth Delegation, but mentioned that KARL KUEHN would be needed later for another project in Yugoslavia. MAX GELDMAN stated that OREGON LAWS was definite to go and that GEORGE LECOMTE might also go. BARTEL suggested WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH as a possibility, but was told he had declined. BARTEL advised MAX GELDMAN not to start organizing the Young Friends of Yugoslavia, but requested him to get one young person, not too well known, lined up for the job. OREGON LAWS was indicated by MAX GELDMAN as the most likely person for this job. MAX GELDMAN explained that CLYDE TURNER was a candidate for the delegation, but that she has a young child and that if she were to go, it would be necessary to have someone care for the child. BARTEL believed this could be worked out. All suggested delegates, except SMITH, are known to the informant to have been active SWP members. (T-5, June 27, 1950)

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party on July 5, 1950, it was indicated that the international situation in Korea had put a "damper" on the scheduled trips of delegates to Yugoslavia. It was pointed out that Yugoslavia was getting the "jitters" over the possibility of attack by Russia. Because of this, the attitude of the members of the Socialist Workers Party at this meeting was very pessimistic. Accordingly, the informant did not believe that the delegates would go to Yugoslavia that summer as planned.

The following week, MAX GELDMAN announced that the planned trip of delegates to Yugoslavia had been indefinitely cancelled for that summer because the Coast Guard had condemned the Yugoslavian ships which were to carry these delegates. From the attitude of GELDMAN and other SWP members, the informant believed that an additional reason was that Yugoslavia feared an invasion by Russia. (T-3, July 5, 1950 and July 14, 1950)

During August 1950, GOLDY GELDMAN made a number of contacts with NICK RADOVICH, 2641 East Norris Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and attempted to interest him in the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. RADOVICH at first was reluctant and indicated that he did not favor TITO or the nationalist press of Yugoslavia,

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and remarked that he had been responsible for obtaining a Yugoslav film which he had shown in one of the International Workers Order halls in Philadelphia. He described the International Workers Order as a radical group, but rather progressive. RADOVICH further stated that he meets many of the Yugoslav ships which come into Philadelphia and offered to notify GOLDY GELDMAN when the next ship arrived so that they might go together and have an opportunity to speak with some members of the crew. During these contacts with RADOVICH, GOLDY GELDMAN mentioned that she had been in New York recently and had spoken to ALEXANDER JURIC, the editor of "Novi List," the Yugoslavian newspaper concerned with the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. JURIC expected to come to Philadelphia in the fall and was anxious to meet with some of the Yugoslav people in the area who favor the TITO government. RADOVICH indicated that he was familiar with JURIC. RADOVICH also mentioned that he was familiar with ANNA ANICICH of 1813 South 6th Street, Camden, N.J., ANNA ANICICH was also known to GOLDY GELDMAN. During these contacts, RADOVICH appeared to change his original stand on TITO. Toward the end, both GOLDY GELDMAN and RADOVICH agreed that "now is the most propitious time for organizing a Yugoslav group in favor of the TITO government." (T-5, August 2, 10, 23, 1950)

NICHOLAS RADOVICH held Communist Political Association membership card #83106 in 1945, and was Secretary of the International Workers Order Lodge #4267 in 1948. (T-9, May 8, 1945; T-10, March 23, 1948)

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

By letter dated August 28, 1950, MIKE BARTTEL furnished the following information to a Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. This letter stated in part:

"...the cancellation of plans for our special project this summer... should not affect branch work in relation to building support in the United States for the Yugoslav revolution, and recruiting American Yugoslavs who have broken with Stalinism...

"The FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA is an American Yugoslav organization of amorphous character and heterogeneous political composition, including Titoists, petty bourgeois and revolutionary elements and a large proportion of confused persons who are patriots of both the United States and Yugoslavia. They speak predominantly Croatian.

"As is to be expected with such a composition, the 'Friends' is lacking in leadership and organization, and unclear in purpose, except in its support of New Yugoslavia. Branches are isolated and built largely around subscribers to the leading Titoist weekly newspaper, 'Novi List,' published in New York City.

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"Branch leadership from city to city, and membership includes pro-Tito ex-Stalinists, some of whom are still violently anti-Trotskyist, and some of whom welcome Trotskyist support against the 'Cominformists,' as they call the Stalinists.

"Our work in relation to the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA is two-fold in purpose. First, we should help build the movement, support the anti-Stalinist tendencies, get subscriptions to 'Novi List,' help organize branches where they do not exist, and help win supporters for the Titoist workers' state...

"...we must also have comrades who approach the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA as Trotskyists..., aggressively sell the 'Militant' to Yugoslavs, etc. ...party intervention in affairs of the Yugoslav community should be carefully geared to the receptivity and political development of the individuals we contact...

"...several concrete methods and techniques...are recommended...

"1. Maintain an extensive list of names and addresses of Yugoslav workers in your area for circularizing with special material...From this list you will also be able to select key people for concentrated cultivation.

"Names may be secured from the new subscribers...who are listed in 'Novi List.'...(Someone in the branch should subscribe to 'Novi List,' located at 247 Lexington Ave., N.Y.C.)

"Names may also be selected from the Progressive Party registered voters lists, particularly names ending in 'ich.'

"If someone is available to secure subscriptions as an agent for 'Novi List,'...send his or her name, address,...to me and we shall attempt to secure credentials.

"2. Sell the 'Militant' and 'Fourth International' outside of all kinds of Yugoslav meetings - civic, fraternal, etc.

"3. Hold party public meetings on Yugoslavia, advertised in 'Novi List,' when possible. Circularize your Yugoslav list.

"4. Utilize films which can be rented from the Yugoslav Information Center, 36 Central Park South, New York City...

"5. In New York, San Pedro, Los Angeles, Detroit, and Milwaukee there are clubs of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA, and organization is underway elsewhere. In other areas, once the groundwork has been laid, propose the formation of a club to key people and inform us of the development."

BARTEL added the following post script:

"P.S. Listed below are the names of students from the United States who received the Shock Workers Award for effort in a labor brigade in Yugoslavia this summer, where they went under the auspices of the National Student Association of America. Most of them should be home about September 15th. We recommend that you look up those who live or go to school in your area, cultivate them, etc..."

The names of persons in the Philadelphia area listed by BARTEL were:

[redacted] of Berwyn, Pa., and Carlton College, Minn.
[redacted] of [redacted], New York City, and Bryn Mawr College
[redacted] of Drexel Hill, Pa.
[redacted] of Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., and Carlton College, Minn.
[redacted] of Philadelphia and Haverford College, Pa.

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The "Evening Bulletin," Philadelphia, Pa., dated August 15, 1950, printed an article entitled, "TITO Decorates 10 U.S. Students. 4 From Here Receive Shock Workers Award." This article identified the students from the Philadelphia area as: [redacted] of Berwyn; [redacted] a student of the University of Rochester, of [redacted] Drexel Hill; [redacted] of Bala Cynwyd; and [redacted] of [redacted]. According to the article, these and other volunteers visited Yugoslavia under the auspices of the National Students Association of America, and worked in a labor brigade from 6:00 a.m. until noon for three weeks on the construction of the University of Zagreb. After that they toured Yugoslavia at Government expense. They received the Shock Workers Award from the Yugoslavian Government for effort above normal.

During September 1950, GOLDY GELDMAN attempted to contact [redacted] and [redacted] in order to interest them in the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. [redacted] was then attending the University of Rochester and [redacted] was then visiting Germany and Austria. A friend of [redacted]s advised GOLDY GELDMAN that she had received letters from him which indicated that he was not very favorably impressed by the TITO regime in Yugoslavia and that he was not sympathetic to Communists. (T-1, September 29, 1950)

On October 9, 1950, MAX GELDMAN and HOWARD LeCOMPTE, known to the informant as a member of the Socialist Workers Party, visited with a friend from Yugoslavia at the home of EMANUEL WEINTRAUB, 3330 West Harold Street, Philadelphia, Pa. (T-2, October 9, 1950)

EMANUEL (MORT) WEINTRAUB was a member of the 28th Ward Branch of the Communist Party until January 6, 1949, at which time he was dropped for "political" reasons. (T-11, March 9, 1949)

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In November 1950, GOLDY GELDMAN wrote a number of letters to her Yugoslavian contacts. One of these was a woman in Camden, N.J., and three others were students who went to Yugoslavia in the summer of 1950. The purpose of the letters was to arrange to contact them before they went home for Thanksgiving vacation. (T-5, November 6, 1950)

One of these contacts, [] of [] and [] Road, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., a [] student at the University of Pennsylvania, answered GOLDY GELDMAN's letter and became very interested in the GELDMANS and the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. She stated that her uncle, name unknown, was preparing to visit in Europe that fall. (T-1, November 14, 29, 1950; T-2, November 21, 27, 1950.)

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Regarding "Novi List," informant furnished the following information:

On August 30, 1949, a meeting of approximately 35 Yugoslavs was held at the New Starlight Restaurant, 51 Irving Place, New York City. ZLATKO BALOKOVIC attended this meeting which was called in order to organize a new Yugoslav newspaper to be called "Novi List." BALOKOVIC said the paper would have no Communist ties and that it would be operated "at the highest standard of American democracy." Page 1 of the first issue of "Novi List," dated October 12, 1949, carried an article by BALOKOVIC stating that the main purpose of "Novi List" was to unite Americans of Croatian, Serbian, Slovenian, Montenegrin, and Macedonian extraction. He said the paper would speak objectively on world problems and Yugoslav organizations in the United States and Canada. BALOKOVIC concluded that the paper would fight lies and thus serve the national interests of people of Yugoslav extraction. The informants added that, according to ALEXANDER JURIC, the purpose of "Novi List" is to combat the influence of "Narodni Glasnik," and other Cominform factions in the United States. Page 7 of this same issue of "Novi List" disclosed that ALEXANDER JURIC is President of the Temporary Committee Controlling "Novi List." (T-7 and T-8, August 31, 1949)

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A letter entitled, "SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY; INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP," from the Director to the New York Office with a copy for this office, dated June 29, 1950, indicated the possibility that the attempted contact of the Yugoslav freighter "SS Srbija," also known as "Serbia," by members of the Philadelphia and New York City Branches of the Socialist Workers Party in May and June of 1950 might in some way be connected with the Youth Labor Delegation to Yugoslavia sponsored by the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA. As no information is available in this office indicating that such a relationship exists, the attempted contact is not being reported in this report. Information regarding this will be found in a report on Socialist Workers Party, Philadelphia Division, now in process of preparation.

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PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

At Philadelphia, Pa.

Will follow and report the activities of the FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA in the Philadelphia area.

A copy of this report is being designated for the Newark Office because of apparent Yugoslav contacts of GOLDY GELDMAN in Camden, N.J. (See pages 6 and 9)

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[redacted], who furnished information on 6/20/50 to SE RAYMOND J. BOTT, 6/21/50 SE ROBERT F. GREGSON, 6/22/50 SE JOHN T. DAVIS, 6/24/50 SE ROBERT C. SMITH, 6/26/50 SE RAYMOND J. BOTT and SE JOSEPH G. MEMIER, 6/27/50 SE JOSEPH P. AYERS, 8/2/50 SE JOHN W. SHIELDS, 8/10/50 SE RAYMOND P. LOEFFLER, 8/23/50 SE FRANCIS J. FLANNERY, 9/29/50 SE JOHN W. SHIELDS, 10/9/50 SE JOHN J. GALLAGHER, 11/6/50 SE JOHN G. GALLAGHER, 11/14/50 SE JOHN J. GALLAGHER, 11/21/50 SE ROBERT F. GREGSON, 11/27/50 JOHN J. GALLAGHER, 11/29/50 SE JACK V. HENDRICKS.

Three temporary symbols were used to designate this informant because of the large amount of information furnished and the possibility that an inference might be drawn from this regarding the nature of the source.

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[redacted] who furnished information on 6/22/50 to SA JOSEPH G. KELLY and the reporting agent, and on 7/5, 14/50 to the reporting agent.

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[redacted] as reported in New York letter to the Director on the Socialist Workers Party, dated June 29, 1950. The source of this item in parenthesis on page 4 was not given in the New York letter. Therefore no additional symbol was used.

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[redacted] who furnished information on 10/8/50 as reported in a letter from St. Louis to the Director on the Socialist Workers Party, dated October 17, 1950.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] contacted 10/31/49 by SAs EUGENE R. HARRELL and ANTHONY P. LITRENTO of the New York Office.

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[redacted] Hoboken, N.J., contacted on 10/31/49 by the same agents as listed above.

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[redacted] who furnished information on 5/8/45 to SA FRANKLIN WILDER.

T-10

[redacted] who furnished information on 3/23/48 to SA FORREST F. BURGE

T-11

[redacted] who furnished information on 3/9/49 to SA JOSEPH E. FLAHERI

REFERENCE: Bureau File Number 100-365595
Bureau letter to New York dated December 6, 1950.

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TITLE 0 FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation fails to disclose existence "Friends of New Yugoslavia" St. Louis, Missouri.

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DETAILS: At St. Louis, Missouri

St. Louis T-1, of known reliability, advised in October, 1950 that the Socialist Workers Party has planned a program of infiltrating the "Friends of New Yugoslavia." T-1 asserted that in August, 1950 the National Office of the Socialist Workers Party in New York City advised various branches the Friends of New Yugoslavia is made up of individuals of heterogenous political views including "Titoist, petty bourgeois and revolutionary elements." The National Office further advised the organization Friends of New Yugoslavia was made up of a large portion of "confused persons," who are "patriots of both the United States and Yugoslavia." Further the organization lacks leadership and is "unclear in purpose" except in its support of New Yugoslavia. The National Office asserted branches of Friends of New Yugoslavia are isolated and built largely around subscribers to the "leading Titoist weekly newspaper 'Novi List' published in New York City."

The National SWP office asserted the branch leadership and membership of the subject organization includes "pro-Tito ex-Stalinists, some of whom are violently anti-Trotskyists and some of whom welcome Trotskyist support against the Cominformists, as they call the Stalinists."

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R472 MAR 26 1963 The National SWP office then proposed they help build the Friends of New Yugoslavia, "supporting its anti-Stalinist tendencies, get subscriptions to 'Novi List,' help organize branches where they do not exist and help win supporters for the Titoist workers for it among American workers."

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It was further suggested, "We must also have comrades who approach the Friends of New Yugoslavia as Trotskyists when the need or opportunity arises, aggressively sell the 'Militant' to Yugoslavs, etc." Continuing, "It goes without saying that Party intervention in affairs of the Yugoslav community should be carefully geared to the receptivity and political development of the individuals we contact with due allowance for the necessary re-educational process to offset the effects of Stalinist background."

T-1 advised there is no branch of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in St. Louis and that the SWP did not plan to start such a group in this city.

The Socialist Workers Party has been cited by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Militant" was described by T-1 as an east coast publication of the Socialist Workers Party.

St. Louis T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5 and T-6, all of known reliability and all of whom are conversant with various phases of Yugoslav activities in the St. Louis area, stated no branch of Friends of New Yugoslavia is active in St. Louis.

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T-5 is		contacted by SA CARL R. O'CONNOR on 1-13-51.
T-6 is		contacted by SA CARL R. O'CONNOR on 1-15-51.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York dated 12-6-50.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 24, 1951

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: ^① FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA
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Rerep SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY, 12-28-50, Chicago, Illinois.

On page 11, last paragraph, line 1 of referenced report, the name MILAN MARICH should read MILAN MEDVESEK and on line two of this same paragraph the name MARICH should also be changed to MEDVESEK. The information in this paragraph furnished by Chicago T-1 on December 12, 1950 pertains to MILAN MEDVESEK and not to MILAN MARICH.

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TITLE 0 FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Friends of New Yugoslavia not in existence in Connecticut.

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DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted at Bridgeport and Fairfield, Connecticut by Special Agent Lloyd S. Goodrow:

The following individuals, all of whom are active in Slovak and related groups in Bridgeport, Connecticut, were contacted relative to the existence of Friends of New Yugoslavia in Bridgeport, Connecticut and vicinity:

The Reverend FRANCIS FULOT, Pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, 350 Spruce Street, Bridgeport, Conn.
 Reverend JOSEPH W. KUPEC, 381 James Street, Pastor of St. John's Slovak Catholic Church.
 Reverend STEVEN G. CITKA, Pastor of the Holy Cross Slovak Catholic Church, Bridgeport, Conn.
 Reverend BENEDICT HIRO, St. Emery's Slovak Church, King's Highway, Fairfield, Conn.
 Reverend EMIL HAGY, Pastor of the Hungarian Reform Church, 227 Pine St., Bridgeport, Conn.
 Reverend STEVEN BESSEMER, Pastor, Hungarian Reform Church, 963 Laurel Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
 JOHN B. HAHN, Branch Manager of the Amerikai Magyar Nepszava, 310 Spruce St., Bridgeport, Conn.
 Confidential Informant T1, of known reliability, active in Yugoslavian affairs Bridgeport, Conn. and vicinity.
 Confidential Informant T2, of known reliability, active in Communist Party

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circles in Bridgeport, Connecticut and vicinity.

All of the above individuals indicated that the Friends of New Yugoslavia were not active in the City of Bridgeport or for that matter, in the State of Connecticut.

Father Citka advised that probably the only individuals in Connecticut coming from the section of Europe who would be interested in joining an organization such as the Friends of New Yugoslavia resided in his parish in Bridgeport, Connecticut. These individuals number merely 125 to 150 persons. Father Citka is in close contact with these individuals and stated that none of these individuals were aware of the Friends of New Yugoslavia and that he is of the opinion that this organization is not in existence at all in Connecticut at this time.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Thomas M. Murphy at Flanders, Connecticut:

Reverend JOHN H. ORUZINSKY, Pastor of St. Matthias' Church, Boston Post Road, Flanders, Connecticut, who is acquainted with the Slavic element in Eastern Connecticut, advised that he had never heard of the Friends of New Yugoslavia. He indicated that to the best of his knowledge, that there were no Yugoslavian families in the New London, Connecticut area.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Hugo P. Blandori at Stamford, Connecticut:

The Stamford City Directory and the Stamford Telephone Directory do not reflect the existence of any Slovak groups in the City of Stamford, Connecticut.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Salvatore F. Ducibella at New Haven, Connecticut:

Mr. A. V. AMATO, an artist, of 94 Lake Place, New Haven, who is well acquainted with foreign language groups in the New Haven area, advised that there is no Yugoslavian "colony" in the New Haven area; he also stated that he had not heard of any activity relating to the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in this area.

Mr. VINCENT MONDO, a teacher and artist, of 229 Bishop Street, New Haven, who also has been well acquainted with foreign language groups in the New Haven area for many years, advised that there was no group of Yugoslavian nationals

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in the New Haven area and that he had not heard of any information relating to the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in this area.

The Reverend ANTHONY BORSA, Pastor of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, who has been active in the New Haven area in connection with sponsoring DP's in the last four years, advised that he has not known of a single Yugoslavian DP coming to the New Haven area; he further advised that he had no information concerning the "Friends of New Yugoslavia".

New Haven Confidential Informants T3 and T4, of known reliability, who are acquainted with Communistic activities in the New Haven area, advised that they have no information in regard to the "Friends of New Yugoslavia".

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD R. WHALEN at Hartford, Connecticut:

T-5, of known reliability, advised that instant organization is not in existence in Hartford, Connecticut.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM V. GRICKIS at Waterbury, Connecticut:

Confidential Informants T-6, T-7 and T-8, of known reliability, advised they had no information relative to the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

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A check of the indices of the New Haven Division reflects that the only references to the Friends of New Yugoslavia are contained in the report of Special Agent George G. McKenna dated 11/24/50 at New York, New York entitled "Socialist Worker Party-General IS-SWP", New York file 100-4013 and Bureau letter to New York dated July 6, 1950 entitled "Socialist Workers Party IS-SWP". In as much as New York which is the office of origin in this case is in possession of the information contained in these references, it is not being included in this report.

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